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1¼m more micros, says new report

Another 11/4m people will own home computers by the end of the year — most of them male and aged 15-44.

The figures are from a new survey which estimates that computers worth £216m will be sold along with £30m-worth of peripherals and software sales of £54m.

Commenting on the age of computer users. Mintel says: "This reflects the higher level of familiarity with new technology among the youngest age bands and the disposable income in the 30s to 40s age band.

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Micro games by cable next year

Games are to be sent by cable to home computer users.

W.H. Smith says its service will start next year and subscribers would choose from 20 games.

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It will be the first service offered by the company's newlyformed cable services division, planned to serve cable and

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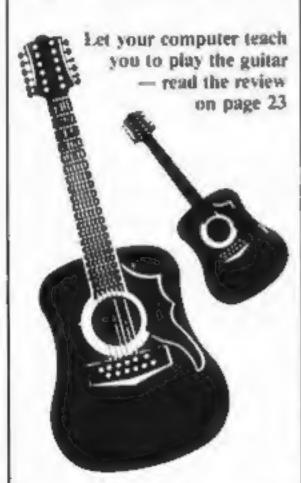
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"This is further endorsed by the highest ownership level being in the AB socio-economic groupings (middle class), decreasing progressively down the groupings."

But it points out: "Over half the adult population has no desire to buy a home computer.

"This rating is highest among women (64 per cent). The rating grows from 38 per cent of teenagers to 80 per cent of those over 65 and from 38 per cent of the AB grouping to 70 per cent of the E grouping.

"The consumer research, therefore, suggests a potential market for home computers of over 31/2m units.

"The 'very high desire to buy' segment of this demand will account for about 11/2 m of these units. This group is likely to respond to its desire sooner rather than later."

Last year, Mintel says, 356,000 home computers worth £664m at retail prices were sold. Software worth £160m and peripherals valued at £100m were also purchased.

Half the sales of computers were in the Christmas shopping period. And for each month sales broke down into 72 per fall to 12 per cent from last

per cent and software 18 per cent.

The exception was January when, following Christmas computer buying, software sales doubled their proportion.

Mintel finds price cutting in high street shops "a strange aspect" and says: "This may be to attract market share or to destock in anticipation of new product replacing those currently available."

It expects this trend to continue into the second half of the 80s with the rate of fall easing. Prices could drop by up to 15 per cent a year.

And Mintel says high street multiples may well bring out their "own brand" computers.

It says, however, that multiple retailers were not looked on favourably because busy shops made service difficult, aftersales care was poor and training had been inadequate.

Specialist computer chains had been strengthening their position by providing trained staff, technicians and engineers on hand and other facilities for buyers.

Mintel sees specialist chains like Laskys as a growing and ever more significant element but mail order is estimated to

cent hardware, peripherals 101 year's 17 per cent.

Estimates of the share of trade this year (last year in brackets) give W.H. Smith 18 per cent (17), Tandy 12 (12), Laskys 5 (3), Spectrum 8 (5),

(5), Dixons 2 (3), Boots 2 (2). Mintel's report, Home Computers, also goes into detail about other aspects of the market. It costs £95.

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Cable games

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satellite TV and headed by 37-year-old Francis Baron.

W.H. Smith has signed a deal with The Games Network, of Los Angeles, to distribute its services in the UK and Eire.

It says that The Games Network has a large and growing library of games — about 25 per cent educational - and suitable for all ages.

Although at the start the programs would come from America, there were plans to develop new games in Britain for distribution here and around the world.

W.H. Smith's chairman Simon Hornby said: "Although we decided, after a great deal of 111-14.

research, not to join a consortium for investment in the actual cable operations, we have been keeping a close watch for opportunities in this field.

"The Games Network will be our first step into providing cable services, and we are setting up this new Cable Services Division as we plan to introduce other services for cable operators."

W.H. Smith says it believes The Games Network will increase the overall market for computer games.

The Games Network will be seen in operation for the first time in Britain at the Cable and Satellite Television '83 Show at the National Exhibition Centre. Birmingham, on September

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Men	24	45
Women	12	33
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20-24	28	40
25-34	25	25
35-44	23	55
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AB	32	40
CI	26	50
C2	15	40
D	10	30
E	11	30

Home computer potential purchasers. Source: British Market Research Bureau/Mintel

	units	value
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Sinclair	68	40
Commodore	31	18
Acorn BBC Micro	4	8
Atari	4	6
Dragon 32	4	4
Other	9	24

Home computer sales in 1982. Source: Mintel estimates

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We welcome programs articles and tips from our readers.

PROGRAMS should, if possible, be computer printed to a width of 48 characters (use a new ribbon) and/or sent on cassette. Check carefully that they are bug-free, include details of what your program does, how it works, variables you have used and hints on conversion.

ARTICLES on using home computers should be no longer than 2,000 words. Don't worry about your writing ability — just try to keep to the style in HCW. Articles most likely to be published will help our readers make better use of their micros by giving useful ideas, possibly with programming examples. We will convert any sketched illustrations into finished artwork.

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Paul Liptrot, Home Computing Weekly, 145 Charing Cross Road, London WC2H OEE



Learning at home

It just goes to show that you can't keep a good micro down.

After Sinclair's early setback in the educational market, when the Spectrum missed out on being chosen by the government for use in secondary schools, it has bounced back. It is now the first company to offer the Microelectronics Educational Programme range of educational software direct to consumers.

Spectrum gets down to business

Oxford Computer Publishing has come up with two ways of making your Spectrum do some work for its living.

Finance Manager is intended for small business as well as home accounting, and has facilities to deal with automatic double entry, standing orders, account balances, new transactions, and bank statement reconciliation.

Address Manager is a filing, indexing and retrieval system for over 400 addresses (in 48K).

Both programs are written in machine code and both cost £8.95. Finance Manager is for the 48K Spectrum only.

OCP, Brimrod, 4a High Street, Chalfont St Peter, Bucks SL9 90B

Filing made simple

Simple Software, formerly specialists in programs for the Pet, are now branching out into material for the Commodore 64.

Simple's latest offering is Simply File, a disk based database management system for the 64 and Pet.

As the name suggests, the program is basically an electronic filing system which enables you to index, group and search for records by a number of crieteria.

It will also carry out calculations on goups of records, output information in the form of files for use with other programs, and if you've got a printer it will print out labels and summaries of selected groups of records.

Should you have the Simply Write wordprocessing package, it will work in conjunction with that too. Capacity is about 400 records of 254 characters each. Price: £69.

Simple Software, 15 Havelock Road, Brighton, Sussex BN1 6GL The Spectrum did get picked for use in primary schools, along with the BBC B and RML 480Z. The MEP range that Sinclair is now selling was specially commissioned by the Department of Education for use with these three micros, and includes programs for maths, reading, language development and problem solving.

Sinclair believes that there still aren't enough micros in schools for children to make the most of the software range, and by selling it commercially, hopes to encourage learning at home too.

The four packs in the range each contain two software cassettes and full instructions, and cost £24.95 each.

Sinclair Research, Educational Division, Stanhope Road, Camberley, Surrey GU15 3PS

Cartoons on computers

Cartoon strips B.C. and The Wizard of Id are being turned into a series of games and educational programs.

At first they will go on sale in America and Canada, but the Sydney Development Corporation says they will be coming to the U.K. soon.

Sydney has signed a licensing deal to use the characters created by award-winning U.S. cartoonist Johnny Hart. His strips appear in several U.K. newspapers, including London's Standard.

Over the next 18 months Sydney, based in Vancouver, plan to bring out eight programs — for computers like Atari and Commodore 64 — called Quest for Tires, Wiztype, Wizword, Wizlab, Wizmath, Wizspell, Dot to Dot Zot and Bung Juggler.

Talking about maths

Children aged four to six can learn basic maths with a VIC-20 program which "speaks" to them, says Currah Computer Components.

Chattermaths, priced at £4.99, generates its voice from word sounds to ask and answer the questions. Correct answers make a figure climb a ladder.

Currah says the program is the first of a range of educational "speechware" for different age groups.

Curran Computer Components, Graythorp Industrial Estate, Hartlepool, Cleveland

Price cuts that fuel micro wars

The millions upon millions of promotional pounds now being lavished on small computers (£4m from newcomer Mattel, £10m from veteran Commodore) underline one widespread and unforeseen side effect of the micro-electronics revolution. That is, to create so great a product proliferation as to destroy price levels, make competition a nightmare and utterly bewilder the consumer.

Since using the personal computer itself can be bewildering, the result is one of the strangest boom markets in history.

All over the world, people are buying sophisticated machines in very large quantities and often at stiff prices: even after a £116 cut, the Commodore 64 still costs £229. Yet many purchasers are not using their new babies to anything like their full potential. It's no longer true, in the States at least, that the overwhelming home use is for playing infantile games. But early infancy is the present age of the computerised home.

Paradoxically, toy manufacturer Mattel is now trying to make the home computer more adult by offering a £100 console that will save lucky purchasers the bother of switching on the light. But is the buyer wise to fork out £79.95 for Mattel's Aquarius offering, without that optional extra? Is the Sinclair Spectrum worth its few pounds more? And what about all the alternatives, extant and on the way?

Because of the attractive potential of the market and the ease of design, manufacture and entry created by the chip, it's almost

anybody's game.

So sweeping a spate of introductions and innovations simply give the consumer too much choice: rational buying decisions have become as difficult in this market as in hi-fi, where again model proliferation is to blame. The consequences are already evident and inevitable.

The price wars that have forced down Sinclair's bottom-ofthe-range price to \$29 in the States will become endemic in many markets. The office of the future, for instance, is likely to be hit by price wars even before that future has become reality.

The pace will plainly become too hot for some. Already, Texas Instruments has run into huge losses, while Timex (which makes Sinclair's computers and markets them in the States) has met some heavy weather. If it were to founder, or if Sir Clive's expected new offering fails to wow this oversupplied market the outlook for Britain's pioneer would become thick with dark cloud — especially now that the Americans are raising the advertising ante so steeply, while cutting prices as sharply.

Truth has become as strange as fiction. In 1967, when Ivor Williams began his Management Today series on a mythical company called Minipute, he thought up an obviously mythical pro-

At \$29, his dream has practically come true. The only trouble is that it probably means many expendable companies.

Robert Heller

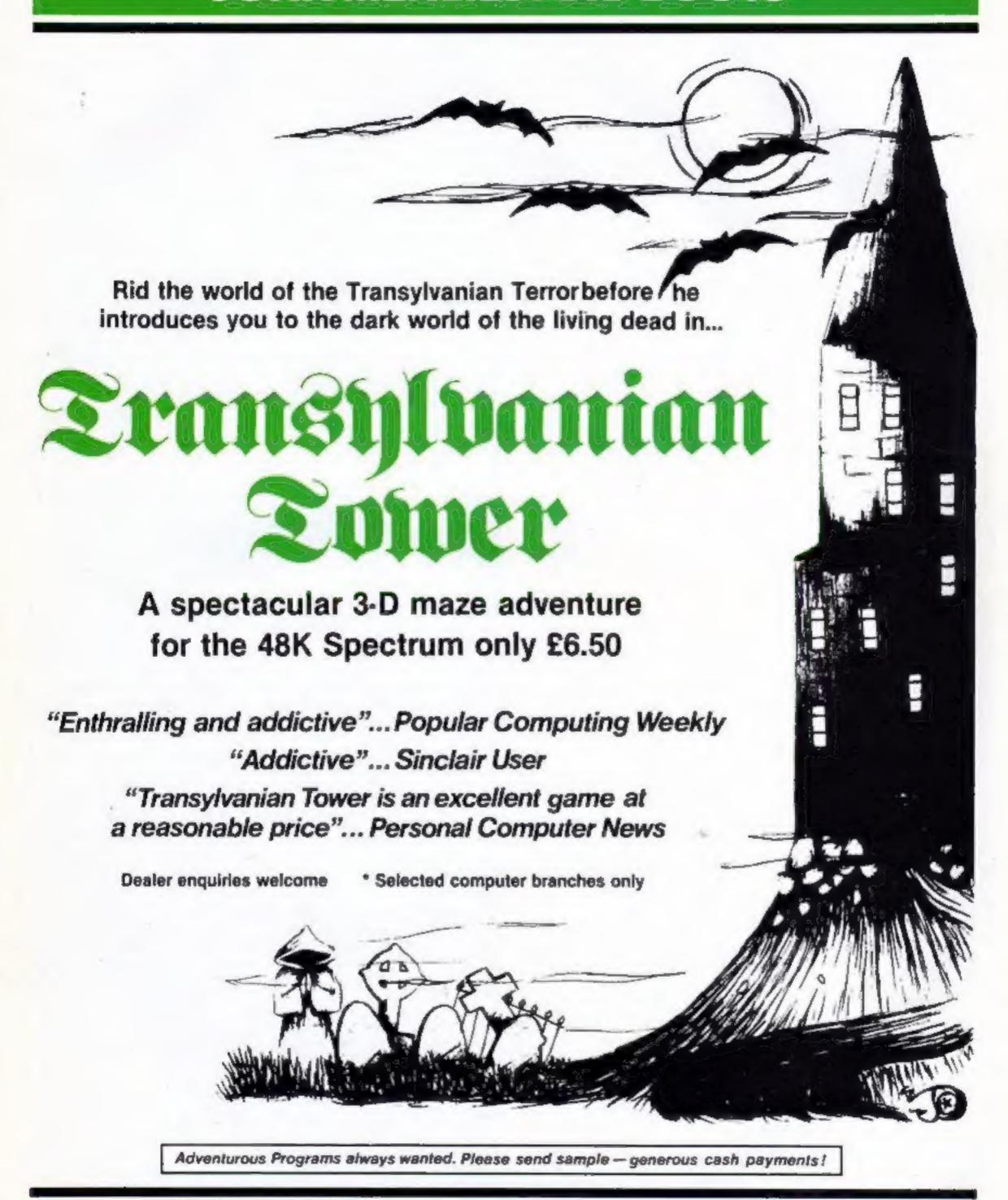
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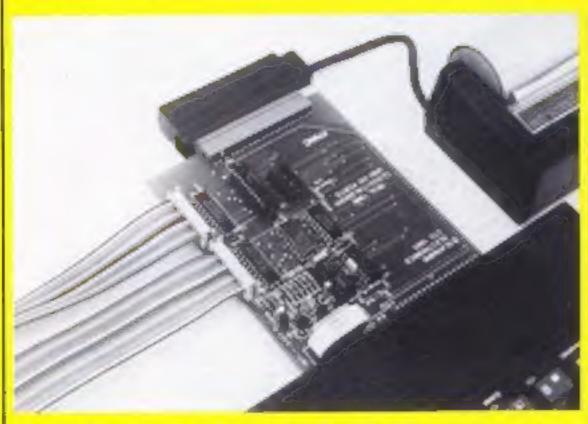
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Glanmire Electronics has developed a clock which allows the ZX81 and Spectrum to tell the time in months, days, hours, minutes and seconds,

Software for a rare beast

If you own that rare beast the Lynx, a new company has come on to the scene to sell software for it. Bus-Tech is Steve Pearson, Julia Hine and David Sims-Mindry, who hope to have their first programs ready to sell within a few weeks.

Though initially the company will be offering six areade-type games — Lynx Muncher, Battle Brick, Death Ball, Zombie Panic, SS Orion and 3D Maze — the aim is to have some educational software and a graphics utility soon.

Meanwhile, with each order, Bus-Tech is giving away a simplified version of the graphics utility free. The games will be priced in the £4.50-£6.50 range.

Bus-Tech, 19 Landport Terrace, Portsmouth, Hants

Recorder discount

If you buy a Spectrum from Smiths, you can get a £10 discount off the price of Smiths' own-brand computer-compatible cassette recorder, the CCR800, which normally costs £34.95.

A Smiths spokeswoman said that the offer would be open 'indefinitely'.

W H Smith, Strand House, 10 New Fetter Lane, London EC4 IAD and to switch other devices on and off under program control.

The Time Controller normally uses the computer's own power supply, but contains a rechargeable battery which, so the makers say, would keep going for over a year should the main power supply fail.

It has eight programmable inputs and outputs, and comes with full instructions to tell those with some knowledge of electronics how to go about connecting up a light switch, burglar alarm, or whatever they might want to control.

Alternatively, if you really can't face the thought of dabbling in electronics, Glanmire is working on an interface which will allow external devices to simply plug into a socket.

The Time Controller costs £34,50 for the ZX81 and £38,50 for the Spectrum.

Glanmire, Westley House, Trinity Avenue, Bush Hill Park, Enfield EN1 IPH

Fast lane to the show

If you're planning on going to the Personal Computer World Show at the Barbican next month, you can dodge the queues by sending off for "fast lane" tickets.

As well as getting you into the show without having to wait, the tickets are cheaper than those bought on the day — £2 instead of £3.

The show is on from 29 September to 2 October, from 10 am until 7 pm — apart from the Sunday, when the show closes at 5 pm.

Montbuild, 11 Manchester Square, London WIM 5AB

Acme, son of Bug-Byte

Bug-Byte has spawned another new software company.

First some employees left to set up Imagine, and now Alan Maton, 32, and his 26-year-old wife Soo have done the same.

Acme Software's home is a small office in The Albany, a building in central Liverpool where Bug-Byte began.

Bug Byte co-director Tony Milner said: "It tends to happen at this time of year, in time for the Christmas sales."

"Allan is a good friend of mine and we have have parted on amicable terms. I wish him the best of luck and I think he's going to need it. It's quite difficult to make a name for yourself now.

"You are dealing with a few large firms who know what they are doing and have been doing it for several years.

"I hope Alan makes it. He's got the knowledge and the getup-and-go."

Mr Maton, whose first four games go on sale in September, said: "You can't beat being your own boss. It's quite a challenge and I'm enjoying every minute of it.

"If I fail I've only got myself to blame, but if I succeed I will have one of the biggest heads around."

At Bug-Byte Mr Maton was responsible for despatch and checking on stocks at dealers and distributors and Mrs Maton was Mr Milner's secretary.

They say all their games will cost £5. Two of the first four are for the VIC-20: Alien, a space game, and Bridgeman, in which the player guides a man across bridges.

Connect Four is for the Lynx and Practically Impossible, a five-level abstract game, runs on the Spectrum.

The next release will be an adventure for the Oric and Colour Genie.

Acme will soon have its first employee, 16-year-old programmer Chris Cannon, whose job will be to evaluate programs.

At first the programs will be sold by mail only and then, Mr Maton says, Acme will establish a dealer network and take on more staff.

Acme Software, 49-51 The Albany, Old Hall Street, Liver-pool

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This is not a game to start play ing if you have to go out in the next hour. It is a version of Pacman where you run round a maze eating dots pursued by four ghosts

If you eat a power pill then you can eat the ghosts rather than them eating you but after a short time they rematerialise at the centre of the maze and are again in pursuit

The instructions are clear and concise and give you a guide to tactics you might use to attain a high score. A joystick makes life much easier especially with the

speed some of the ghosts move

The graphics are very good and even it you are not skirtul enough to get past the first screen, the game is fun and com-

A minor criticism — the runn ing score is cramped at the top of the screen and unless you achieve the highest score you get little chance to read it when you have run out of your three lives

This is particularly relevanwhen you have three or four children playing, and they want to keep track of their personal attainments.

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playability	8500
graph	8,100
value for money	most a



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The V-shaped invaders come, as is usual, from above and the guntires at them from below with are LDGs; the gun at least to real stre

Keys / and (move the ship left or right, it says, but hey' Where's the ship?

We have to imagine it, against the background of mused noise as the shots zap home and the in

Arcade action in your living room

Our reviewers look at five more arcade clones and find that, on the whole, there's life in the old themes yet

vaders evaporate like beeping

Your score is kept and previous highs recorded till sur passed by the summated efforts of your three lives. There are also three levels of difficulty, though the two hardest are much the

This is really quite a good implementation of the old favourite, but I would be more enthies as a life had no seen it so often done rather beiter

by machines with colour and usng machine code

The third expert level would realiy have to be written in assembler if it is to achieve a noticeable advance on the "fast" level where the Forth is practical ly flat out

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graphics	70%
value for money	75%
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your laser base which you move along the bectom of the screen by

the use of the ap and down arrow key. The altens drop bombs from

their ships and should you be hit

Frogger VIC-10

Rabbit, 380 Station Road, Har FOW HAT 2DE

For the benefit of any Martians who have just bought a YIC-20 Frogger involves pilotang a small frog across a large road tollowed by a large river to its resting place on the opposite

The journey faced by the am phibians in this program is very hazardous involving slow cars, fast cars, buses, turtles, logs and

Noticable by their absence are several features of the original game such as diving turtles, little bonus frogs which can be carried to safety and a time hmit, but the game is complex and challenging

Graphics are good, especially the alligators — not for faint hearted frogs. Sound is almost non-existent, a fact I have noted in several Rabbit productions, but I suppose you can't have everything

No bugs were found except possibly the lack of time limit The bottom right hand corner of the screen clearly shows the words Time Frogger, but that's as far as it goes.

It makes a change to do something humane for once in stead of wiping out yet another galactic civil/sation.

instructions	7000
playability	8000
graphics	80**
value for money	750g

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Space invaders TRS-80 Models 1 & 111, Genie I & II £14.95

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This version differs from many Space Invaders in that it allows the user to set a large number of variables at the commencement of any game. Such attributes at the accuracy and number of alien bombs, games speed, bomb type and scoring are just some of the customizing that may be set

Sound is also available. though I couldn't get the benefit of it on my TRS-80 model 111 Alien space slups gradually move down the screen, attacking

by one of these you lose one of your laser bases. Graphic blocks are conveniently sited for you to hide behind but gradually go destroyed as they are hit by your fire or bombs from the ahens The game is written in machine language and is, therefore capable of very fast action at the higher level of difficulty. The game would prabably tot be of interest to owners of other in vader programs but the level of

customizing that is provided

makes it a very worthwhile ver

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STORY instructions playability graphics value for money

Mare Chase Spectrum E4.55

Hewson, 60A St. Mary's Street, Wallingford, Oxon OX10 0FL

Unlike some programs, this one does not pretend to be what it isn't; it is basically Paeman, plus or minus a few features. There are four ghosts, a man (instead of a mouth), and dots, and

bonus strawberries and lemons

The ghosts are all white and behave in exactly the same way as each other - they do not have names and personalities like their areade brothers. The graphics are just user defined characters and are not very clear

There are four mazes on the 16K version and 12 on the 48k version. You can't choose which one you want. They appear randomly, and there is not a great difference between them

The strawberries and femons are randomly placed in the mazes When you cat a strawberry you get 100 points and the ghosts turn purple, allowing you to car them. They do not stay in this state of trepidation for long and give no warning when about to regain their courage.

I quite often found myself being eaten by a white ghost when I was expecting to eat a purple

The man as controlled using the unbiguitors cursor control keys. The program remembers the last key pressed, so you can press a different key in advance of the turning

75% instructions 70% playability 40% graphics 60% value for money





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space** values to squares

either side of doorways and 2760-2930 plot 30 chairs, 30

guests in unoccupied squares.

2870 ensures men and women

are plotted alternately ----

2949-2979 first position of robot 2988-3030 print score indicator.

Careless smokers cause fires.
Can your heroic robot collect
the cigarette ends before your
party turns to ashes? Find out
with Tony Garner's program for
the standard TI-99/4A

It's a great party, but your gaests can't seem to find the ashtrays

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If a room contains 10 cigarette ends the heat causes it to burst in to flames and, if the robot is trap ped in the room, he perishes and the game comes to an end

Otherwise he carries on with his heroic in saion in the other rooms in distribuschared paths in another of a garden ends you scleared when the game began.

Each time he bumps into a guest, a wall of furniture his curcuits are temporarily disrupted and he becomes mactive while three extra cigarettes are dropped

If four rooms are destroyed the game becomes a question of survival — the player's original figure is ignored while the demoralised robot ries weakly to keep two rooms, and finally one room, clear

There is no limit to the number of digarettes that can be requested but. For a compeniese game is would be best to increase them gradually from about 30.

Regardless of average, the best score is the highest. But the average can be increased by intentional crashes. These increase your possible score without rassing the number by which it is divided.

The range of the robot can be altered by changing the total of GOSUB 260 lines between 110 and 220

The game can be made more dangerous by adding more GOSUB 710 lines in the same place or between lines 560 and 590.

r. Variables I **BO** number of eighteties to be 🕶 akopped 🦛 M number of rooms burned → down -V.W store robot's vertical (R), horizontal (C) co-ordinates D ASCII value of key pressed E cigarette total TOT besic score SC score after adjustment FL flag to show score has CRS current score as string P.Q cigarette's vertical, hori-contal co-ordinates RR,CC stores for R,C S(X) total of cigarettes in room (X) 🔫 SP room L(1),L(2)/K(1),K(2) horizontal/ er vertical dimensions of room to be burned 🚗 🖘 A¥ score divided by BO HSC high score *** **BAV** average for high score: BOA store for BO - - .-ST indicates nature of keypress: we same, different, none A character to be defined NS hexadecimal string defining e character - -GR graphics character for male in or female guest of

Hints on conversion

(ALL KFY returns ASCII value in the variable D

CALLSOUND generates note or noise in following order: duration (negative varies enable program to proceed during sound), note value (110 is low, 262 is middle C), volume (0 is loud, 30 is quietest). A negative value from 1 to 8 produces noise three notes and one noise can be bracketed for some duration.

(Al.f. HCHAR plots character by row (1-24), column (1-32), ASCII value and, if needed, number of repeats after and including first position, horizontally

(AIL VCHAR as above, but vertical

(Al.1 (Of OR sets character set (multiples of eight from 32 to 159), foreground colour (1-16) and background colour (1-16): I transparent, 2 black, 5 dark blue, 7 dark red, 10 light red, 12 light yellow, 13 dark green, 14 magenta

The data in line 1950 will need to be adjusted to the new dimensions of the rooms, which will be set, depending on screen size, in lines 2260-2620. Doors will also have to be altered

Graphics designed in 2040-2070 are: 42 robot, 120 flame, 128 ash, 136 eigarette end, 144 chair, 104 female guest, 96 male guest, 152 top wall, 154 bottom wall, 155 interval wall horizontal, 156 central corridor, 157 vertical wall

The program sits well inside gemine 16K, but the array DIMensioned in 240 consumes a lot of memory

The TI does not allow multiple statement lines, but these may well be required for other machines will less available memory

The GOSUB structure should make afe easy for the BBC micro users to make a straightforward adaptation

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300 COTO 430

300 COTO 430

400 COT 430

400 OC 430

400 IF MEN.R C 43 THEN 500 ELSE 440

440 IF MEN.R C 43 THEN 400 ELSE 600

470 ELSE 600

470 SCHTOT 2047

490 JF SC 18 THE 490 ELSE 500

490 SCHO

500 FLHI

510 COSUB 700

520 LOTO 600

530 CALL SOUND 1250 167 2 1047 2 1760 2

560 COSUB 710

500 COSUB 710

500 COSUB 710
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TI-99/4A PROGRAM

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590 RETURN
600 HEH R C .-
618 HEHLY WIND
620 CALL HOMBRY V H 32
670 CALL MCHARINIC.42
640 IF FL=1 THEN 630 ELSE 780
650 CRRESTRACSC
660 FOR JOI TO LENCORS
678 CALL HCHARLS# 13+, RSC-SESH CRW J 1 688 HCKT J
696 FL-0
700 PETURN
710 POTHT, RICE, 5 45
728 GHENT RHOREL +4
730 IF HERRE QUEL HIMER POWER POWER QUEL + HERRE Q 44 THER B
*48 HEMCP G +2
756 CALL HOWARK P Q 136
768 E-1
778 AR-R
788 CC+C
790 RHP
888 C=0
818 GOSUR 1788
828 A-AR
846 IF BO . 1010 THEN 000 EUSE 900
838 CALL HCHPAY .5 5 144
879 CHLL HCHART 12 5 1443
660 HEH 12 9 143
998 3F=1
900 00908 .910
910 00000 390
929 BL1 H-8
908 IF SC2 INTO THEN 940 ELBE 1628
                                                      2218 PRINT THE WEN DAY THE BOOM - PERS N. P. S.
$40 CALL HOHRR 6 15 1447
956 HERE 6 15 H3
268 CALL HERRE 2 9 1442
978 HERE 2 3 H3
                                                       MARKE TAL - OL ETE, DE CIDES
                                                       2228 PRINT HOW THAT CLOSET TES HER DRUFFED SETTIFE
                                                       THE JAME THOS ... INPUT DUT NUMBER HOW,
160 19-2
                                                       2230 INPLY 80
990 60300 .3.0
 1668 GUSUB .338
                                                       2248 804-80
                                                       2256 CALL CLEAR
2268 CALL SCREEN 15
Z. 8 FOR CH4 TO 27
1678 915340
1020 IF $43 == B THEN 1030 ELSE 10
1048 CMLL HEHRRI 15 5 144
                                                       $200 CALL HOHMS 5 C . $31
1658 CALL HOMBRI 20 15 144
                                                       2290 MERK 2 C 2+3
                                                       2388 HER" C
1048 REMC 20 10 1-3
1078 6740
                                                       2328 CPUL HOHMR 22 54
2336 MEN 22 C H2
1000 GUSLIW 9.8
1650 G03U8 .398
                                                       2348 HERF
1100 0 31-0
                                                       2356 FOR Re3 TO 21
11:0 IF $4.5 INTO THEN 1120 E.SE 208
                                                       2368 CALL HOHME E 3 12"
  28 CRUC HENRIF 6 15 144
1130 HEM 6 1 H3
                                                       2388 HEH? R
1148 CPLL HCHMR 9 76 144
1158 MBh: 9 26 H0
                                                       2396 FOR RHJ TO Z
                                                       2498 CALL HOHMS P 28 15"
2418 MEN'R LB HO
1169 5744
1170 G0300 1918
1100 G0308 1398
                                                       SASA NENT S
                                                       2438 FOR JH4 TQ 4
2448 CALL HOHMP 15 C 155
120 514140
1200 17 3151418 THEN 218 ELSE 1250
1218 CRL, HOMBRIZE 5 144
                                                       2456 MEN 15 C 143
1226 MERK 20 5 1-3
                                                       2478 FOR CALE TO 27
2488 CALL HOMAN 9 F 100
1230 CRLL HOHMR: 18 21 44
1246 PEH: 19 21 103
1266 SOLUH 19.8
                                                       2498 MERCS C343
                                                       ZORR MEAT C
.278 GQ808 1398
                                                       29 0 FOR 9-3 10 21
                                                       STER CALL HOHMAN P. 0 106
                                                       2030 HERR 15 HO
1298 IF $161-18 THEN 1388 ELSE 199
                                                       2520 FOR RWD TO 14
1386 CPUL HCHPRI 9 26 44
1318 MEHL 3 56 H-3
1328 CALL HOHMRIS 21 441
                                                       2260 CALL HOMAR 8 9 37
                                                       2576 METH 8 9743
1348 SP#6
                                                       2998 FOR PAIR TO 21
.238 G0508 (310
                                                      2600 CPL, WCHART R 21 157
1368 GOSJB 1390
 378 8: 6 -8
380 RETURN
                                                      2429 HEXT 8
                                                      2638 CRUL HCHMA-6 5 32
2648 CRUL HCHMA-6 5 32
2658 CRUL HCHMA-2 5 32
2658 CRUL HCHMA-9 25 32
2678 CRUL HCHMA-15 3 32
2678 CRUL HCHMA-15 3 32
2688 CRUL HCHMA-28 15 32
398 FOR YALE 1370 C 2
1400 FOR ZHR' 1 TO KLZ
14.8 CRUE HCHRA- Z 1207
1429 DRUG HUMBREY Z 32
2438 MEN: Y 2 143
1448 CALL BOUNDS - 758 -5 15
1450 CALL MCHRR 2 128
1468 CALL MCHRR Y 2 32
                                                      2690 RESTORE 2746
                                                      2708 FCR 1+1 70 LB
1478 CHLL HOHRH Y Z 128
1488 MENT Z
                                                      Z718 READ RIC
                                                      2728 PERCH. C 244
1496 NEXT Y
                                                      2738 HEXT 2
1500 OF HERICE COND THEN 1510 E SE TTO
1510 CALL CLEAR
1528 RV410 1808
1536 OF SCURED THEM IDAB ELSE 1566
1540 HILL-1C
1356 BRYHRY
1566 PRINT TARKING THAT 9 1T
                                       FINAL SCOPER ST HATH BOY WARETTES ON
GINALLY TO BE CLEAKED MAY
$500 PRINT REMEMBER YOU CAN AMPROVE YOUR RYSPAGE SIR YOU CAMES BY CAUSANG
DECRESONAL ACCIDENTS
1998 PRINT BEST SCORE SO FRM AT MSC TAT AN AVERAGE OF BAY
1680 PRINT PRESS AND RE TO SEAN AGRIN
ISTO CALL KEYCO D 31
1428 IF BTHS THEN 1510
1638 CAUL CLEAR
.648 FR HT SETTING UP NOW
 458 FOR Ret TO 22
.660 FOR C=1 TO 28
676 MEHIR CHO
 688 HEXT C
1698 MEXT II
1700 SC=0
718 TOT-8
.728 H-0
 .738 FOR J=1 TO 6
1748 S(J)=8
1750 HEXT
1760 5010 240
 APPE RETURN
1780 IF LRC15 & C 5 THEN 790 ELSE 800
1790 311 JwGt | +6
1800 IF CRUID ACCOUNTS OF 5 THEN 1818 EUSE 1818.
1928 IF CRESSECCOSSINEED 1930 ELSE 1840
.830 SC33+8C33+E
1948 IF (RC91910>187NEH 1850 ELSE 1868
. 636 804 7→814 4E
 .868 IF UR-9 48 C / 5 /8 C/213THEN 1818 EUSE 880
 .878 345 /ASL 5 +E
1888 IF RYS IN CAZ THEN 1898 ELSE 1988
990 816 1-816 FE
1900 RETURN
9.8 RESTORE 1948
1928 FOR J=, TO SP
1930 READ LOT 44 Z 1 K 1 F K- 2
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1950 DATA 3 14 4 8 3 14 8 14 6 21 4 4 3 8 6 6 8 8 2 16 20 10 21 22 27
 968 9454
 9"B RET PO
  988 RHYDOM, 2E
1990 PESTORE 2040
2008 FOR UHL TO 12 22 8 READ R HE
2020 JALL CHIRCH NO.
2000 CALL COLOR 2 5
 2899 DALL COLORI 9 2
2 00 JRUL COLOR 0 4 1
+1 0 DRL COLOR 12 0 [2]
2 26 DPGL COLOR: 24 7
2130 CALL CC DR: 10 3 1
2140 DRUL SCREEN 18:

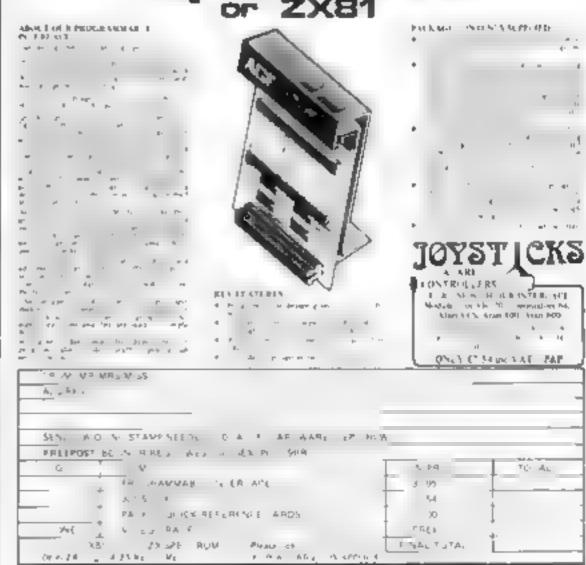
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 P HOUSE WERE P PARTY
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2758 DA A 8 26 9 26 18 26 4 7 5 5 10 5 28 4 28 15 0 4
2168 FCA 4 TC 38
                         2779 R-SHT( RHD#167-5
                         2788 C#1HTC#HD#223+4
                         2790 1F CHEM'S C34334CHEM'S C34637HEN 2770
2600 HEM'S C343
                         28 8 SPUL HENRY C 1643
                         2030 FOR 14, 10 30
2040 84557 8500 6 45
                         2050 CASHT RICKS, HO
                         2860 15 CHEM B - - STREETEN R - 44 THEN 1840
2010 15 147 - 274, 2 THEN 2860 E. E 4500
                         2000 GA+96
2000 GC*C 2910
                         2900 (R+ 84
25 8 NEH 8 ( H)
                         3928 CALL HOHRNIN C GR /
                         2948 R-3
                         2958 C=26
                         2960 HERRIE CIAT
                         2978 CPLL HOHMER C 42
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                         3000 CIARSU SEUR RE 1
                         30 8 CPUL HOWE 24 74 C
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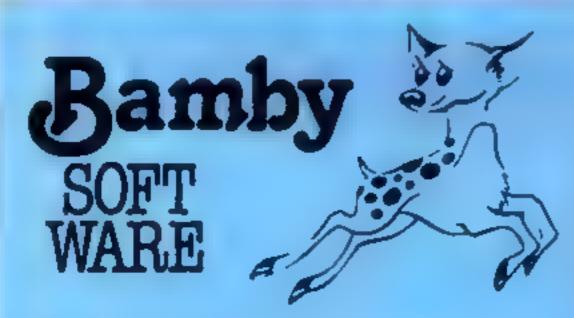


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LETTERS

Economical strings

Ray Eider quite correctly points out in his article. The REMarkable REM, that using a string variable to store data on the ZX81 effectively uses more than twice as much memory as the length of the string, when the string is defined in a program line His suggested method of using a REM statement combined with PEFK and POKE is a valid and useful method of handling data

However, there art two possible ways of using strings to store data which do not in volve wasteful "double-up" of the data. The most familiar of these is to define the string by means of a command rather than in a program line. Thus you can write a command

and then a program to PRINT the data may be

40 1608 00

This routine must be activated by the command GOTO 10, as RUN would CLEAR AS. Another method, perhaps not so familiar, avoids the use of string variables altogether, although it does utilise a string in a program line; it has the additional benefit that the program can be RUN

Obviously this is an extremely simple example for illustration purposes

2 425 04

One could also write, for example

OI

Here is a printout from the last example above

4 mg

In this case, the first string in line 20 contains the most significant byte, and the second string contains the least significant byte, of a two-byte data set

Of course, use of the technique need not be limited to PRINT statements; the forms GOTO. LET X=.... IF VAL..." data '(J...J+n) THEN ... can all be used, as with any other value in a program line Nick Godwin, Eyemouth. Berwicks

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Microfeir goes north

I have good news for M Logan who, in HCW 17, complained about the sack of microfairs in Scotland

The Struthclyde Home Computer Fair takes place on August 26-27, at the McLellan Galler ex, Sauchiehall Street, Glasgow

The fair will open to the public and exhibitors are from not only Scotland but from the whole of the British files.

We hope that this will be the first of many yet to come, as we feel sadly left out in the microfair circuit

M. P. Slonn, Juruk Sales, Hamilton, Scotland

it's time we leaned on micro makers

I am starting a Rat File on the One!

Lam one of those poor unfortunates who bought an
One Moled by their advertising. Professional
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days debyery! I am also one
of the unfortunates who was
so badly misled by the Oric
switchboard about delivery
dates

If any of your readers have brought an Oric and feel that they were deliberately misled, either in the Oric specifications or delivery dates, I would be pleased to hear from them

Similarly I would like to hear from anybody who has had experienced problems with their after sales service. I am still waiting for a reply to a terrer which I wrote to Peter Harding (Sales Director) in April at the request of their P.R. consultant

We, the computer-buying public, have been badly served by the manufacturers and I feel it is time that we put some pressure on them

Sinclair, Acom and Commodore have also misled us with unrealist delivery dates, ambiguous specifications and/or very late "coming soon" add-ons. But I bought

an One, so it's Orie that I'm making a fuss about

One other point to the software houses, following recent reports, letters and opinions. Don't expect too many women customers when successful adventurers are rewarded by marrying princesses If you want to alienate half your potential market and, ultimately, half your potential authors, fine, as long as that is what you in tend to do

Keith Ollett, Hookstend, Goldsmith Avenue, Crowborough, Fast Sussex 1 No IRG

My Oric's

Having read many articles in established computer magazines (Home Computing Weekly being one), I have found that people who write in about the Oric-I always point out the bad point and ignore the good

I have had my One now for nearly six months and I am very pleased with it. (It seems I am the only person who is!)

Admittedly it was very late in arriving, but when it did come I found that what you can do is only limited by your imagination and your ability to write programs; and as software is becoming more readily available, things are definitely looking up for Oricowners.

Alan Greenshields, East Lothum, Scotland

Problems with Vanguard

There seems to be a few problems with the listing of my V1C-20 program. Vanguard, which was published in HCW 21 Most people who typed the program in have probably ironed these out for themselves by now, but for the benefit of whose who haven't, the problems and solutions are as follows.

Line 6530 should read-POKE 198 0: WAIT 198 I

The line number 6515 bet ween 6900 and 8000 should actually be 7000, and you should also remove PRINOO from the beginn

Line 6900 should read 6900 PRINTTAB(Q) "GREEN G RED 2 SPACES GREEN F" RETURN

The words inside the square brackets are control colours and spaces

One last thing; the in malisation program is the se cond one

Peter Berreclath



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Green bleeping moles fell in

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Llamasoft, 49 Mount Pleasant, Tadley, Hants RG26 6BN

This is an action-packed game making very good use of the 64's sound and colour features. Your spacecraft is located within a matrix its mission - to clear the zone of droids (snake-like creatures racing around)

While avoiding the bombs from the droids, you also have to avoid the laser beams fired verlically and stay clear of delayed action bombs fired horizontally across the matrix.

If, by some miracle, you clear

the zone of droids then you proceed to the next higher zone, of greater complexity. There are 20 zones in ali

On your travels through the zones you are likely to meet nasty humanoids who point out your position to the enemy, deflector beams that rebound your shots, and caravans of camels (Llamas?). When you get hit you explode in a multicolour shower of sparks with equally impressive sound effects.

The instruction card is very good, setting the scene for the game and giving a detailed explanation of the scoring etc.

90%
B(10 a
90%
80%

M ddlesex HAS TSJ

This game must be one of the most unusual yet devised for the 64 The object is to protect a

patches of ground and can trap your base on each side of the cactus, but these give bonuses when shor

Your cactus can survive 10 biles at its base, and points can be carned if the roots are left in tact, but if the ground should be eaten away, the cactus will fall in an explosion of green, and you with lose a life.

64 owners should enjoy this game for its graphics and originality, but bear in mind it is fairly expensive.

instructions	70%
playability	6786
graphics	80%
value for money	65 4%
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Android 1 Spectrum £5.95

Software, 280 Vortex Brooklands Road, Manchester M23 9HD

If you buy Android 1 - The Reactor Run - you can give up any hope of spending stress-free evenings with your Spectrum.

Your mission is to save the world by infiltrating a reactor complex which is guarded by four different types of mutants, and destroy the reactor - within a time lim t

To infiltrate the complex your robot, Android 1, must blast his way through the walls that surround each stage. But remember to watch out for the aliens. The farther you get through the less predictable the guards become, and the more difficult they are to

The graphics are colourful and

the action is accompanied with well-thought-out sound effects. Android I runs, rather than g ides, across the screen in an endearing manner

There are five skill levels - the most difficult seems impossible. while the easiest is fast enough to be a challenge. There is a wide choice of keys but controlling the robot is difficult, Provision is made for the Kempston joystick

The comprehensive on-screen instructions are attractively presented. The game loaded in five stages, which makes for a iong wait, but there were no loading problems

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Acnean Mutoids **BBC 32K** £6.50

Soft Joe's, Claughton Road, Birkenhead, Mersevade L41 6FS

This game doesn't fit any preconcieved categories

It is really a cross between an adventure, a mincheld and a maze game. You wander around a captured spaceship looking for weapons and keys whilst avoiding invisible aliens

The stated aim is to survive and to set the self destruct mechanism so that the anens are prevented from reaching Larth But simple survival was my

main problem. The game gets rather boring after a white, despite the six play levels. If you are unfortunate enough to find an alien before

any weapons then the game to extremely short and rather pointiess. The real problem is that the game renes (ar too much on random factors and not crough on skilt for lack of it }

the graphics are good, although to make the playing area larger the characters are rather small. I especially like the advancing alien showing its

The choice of control keys is, however, most strange and could be much improved. Since the game's wollen mostly in BASIC, response time is rather slower than I would like. The cassette is well priced for its contents and should appear to younger players.

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Mangrove Commodore 64 £9.20

Supersoft, Canning Road, Harrow, Middx HA3 75J

This game can be played with a joystick or keyboard. It requires you to maintain a cluster of healthy cells against attacking cancerous ones.

As you move around the screen you leave behind a trail, of hearthy cells, but they only survive if they are next to four hearthy ones.

The wandering cancerous cells can quickly break up your large groups into small clusters which then wither away. In fact, so quickly, that I found the game frustrating and equally quickly lost interest

The screen display is clear and makes use of customised

characters for the cells. At the top of the screen is displayed, the number of healthy cells remaining, the current score and the highest score

You can obtain some respite from the onslaught of the hostile cells by firing off a dose of radiation, but you have limited sup-

Although the instruction card that comes with the game is quite clear 1 think some younger children will find it hard to appreciate the mechanics.

The concept behind the game is good but I feel it could have been implemented more imaginatively with better graphics and sound

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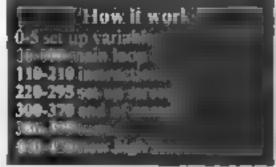


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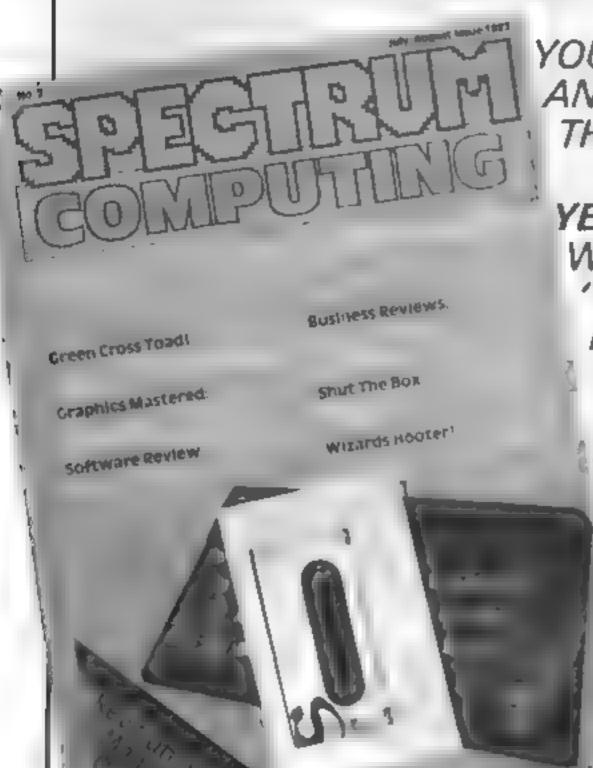
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Software off the beaten track

Read our reviewers' ratings of these five programs, which reveal some unexpected uses for your micro

Cocktails 48K Sharp MZ-80K £5.50

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Here's a little gem for the tipplers amongst us! The program lists 102 different cocktails — imagine, you have to get through 102 recipes before you start to repeat yourself! Enter the contents of your drinks cabinet and, after going into a trance, the computer will list the cocktails you can make from your stock of drinks

A second option gives on aphabetical list of all 102 recipes. Browse through the list, using 999 to cali the next page, and then enter the number of the cocktail you want to make. The computer will list the recipe of your choice

The program is supplied on cassette, complete with a clear and well written set of User Notes, All

Cycle Planner/ Growth Trucker

Medidata, PO Box 26, London NW9 9BW

It is unsusual to find one, let alone two programs which actually have some genuine practical use in the home. Designed primarity for use by women, these two could be of educational value for the whole family.

'Cycle planner' starts by providing some useful facts about the female menstrual cycle, then proceeds to a calculator routine which allows women to calculate probable dates of maximum fertility, ancluding the time of greatest risk,

and the date of birth of a child if

conception occurs

If the cycle is irregular, the dates

of the first day of at least the last three cycles have to be entered to estimate future dates. There is no way to store any data, so this information has to be re-entered each time the program is used

Another minor criticism is the lack of error-trapping when a numeric input is requested

'Growth tracker' is a data base for extracting information on the growth of a foetus before birth, development of a child (up to 24 months) after birth, and information on five of the most common childhood diseases.

This cassette certainly won't be sold in the same numbers as space games, which is a pity, for it's much more useful and educational han invaders.

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this means there should be no pro-

Written entirely in BASIC, program ARRAYs are LOADed from DATA statements so initialistation and searches can be on the slow side Don't let this worry you as the program RUNs well and is a pleasure to use — especially after the fourth recipe!

Good value for money and

entertaining as well. Not bad going for a utility program.

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46K Shorp MZ-Son

Epsom, 25 Chartwell Place, off Downs Road, Epsont, Surrey

This utility program for the MZ 80K is designed for the stock control of the contents of a domestic deep freezer. Supplied on cassette, it comes with four sheets of user notes

For each stock tiem, the program records tiem number, description, unit of measure, stock level, minimum acceptable stock level, stock value, data of last receipt and date of last issue. There is also a field for notes.

Various reports are available, any of which may be sent to a printer if required. The program will list by stock type or generate a total stock value. An extra three special reports are available; slow moving stock report, minimum stock report, and nil stock report

You are taken through each program section by a menu, and HELP key is provided

Considering the application, the program could be accused of overkill but for a good, reasonably tast stock control program, this fits the bill meely

As the program is written, a maximum of 50 items may be held on file. With a 48K machine this could be stretched to 255 items. Mind you, the program will run

One annoying minor bug — the N° INPUT for wrong date is not accepted as it stands. A simple mod would correct this. U.H.

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Learn to play guitar spectrum £6.00

Lasersound, Stratford Workshops, Burtord Road, London E15

it you want to learn to play classical guitar this is not the program for you because no instruction is given in playing individual notes. But it so N it you want to decompany songs by learning

chords.

A tune to accompany can be played and letters flash up at appropriate points in the lyric to denote the chords that should be

Tinger positions for over 50 difterent chords are thustrated, if required but no information on how to play chords is given Never

theless, this is an excelien-

for tuning, but no instruction in tuning is given. However, the correct "beep" values can be worked out from the Spectrum manual so this is not a valuable option.

A conversion table is displayed but I was unable to decipher it and its importance is not explained I could not load the last option

which should be a fixt of times which should be a fixt of times on With the exception of those on loading, the instructions and ex-

planations are amost non-existant - which is appalling for an educational program

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Pools 48K Spectrum £20 plus

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Pools apparently calculates probable draws on past-performance basis, selecting 22 matches for entry as 'Zeep' perms of 900 or 3600 ines. Instructions unhelptuily load separately, are rambling and contradictory, and there was difficulty in reaching some program-options from the menu

Every week you must input number-coded details of all mat ches on the coupon and all results wery carefully, because there's no error-trap routine

'Zeep' perms are not full perms
— eight score-draws can come up
without winning Costwise, a stake
of 25p seems impossible and the

suggested 45p or £1.80 presumably applies to Zetters (low dividends) Littlewoods require £6 or £24 stakes

Everyone gets the same selection, so shared davidends could be pennies, but you are committed to send the author £55 if three first dividends come up.

With no facility for the Australian pools, testing must await the start of the UK soccer season but, using an old coupon, it achieved two score-draws and two

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A list of all instructions is included in the program. The program can score in any limited over, one innings, or two innings match

Hints on conversion
The three POKEs used have simple functions
POKE 23609,30 produces a beep when a key is pressed.
POKE 23658,0 switches off capslock
POKE 23658,8 switches on capslock
Points to remember
Three-dimensional string and numeric arrays are used
SIRSchanges a number unto a string, VAL does the opposite
If your computer doesn't use

the ASCII codes you will have to

amend and 200

Don't be stumped for the latest score. Simon Edwards' Superscore program for the 48K Spectrum will bowl them over at the local cricket club. Or you could try to catch out TV's computer

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COREM 44% RESTORE MOVE 45IN
COD! GO SUB R RESTORE STRE ()
    2 LET AS=INKEYS: RETURN
1 DO SUB 450: PRINT AT U,Z;V(
    PRINT AT (+$, Z; " ": LET $=5
: PRINT AT (+$, Z; "=": RETURN
5 PRINT AT 20, C; "PLEASE RETYP
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E COMMAND
   10 PRINT AT V, Z; "
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 150 GO 5UB U BEEP .1,d
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180 IF 444"7" THEN GO TO 400
190 IF 444"A" OR 44>"Z" THEN GO
 TO C
 200 GO TO (CODE a$-60) #100
220 IF COUNTED THEN PRINT AT 19, 2+6; " = ": LET b=6+0: LET b(d(s)
, 1) = b (d (s) , 1) +u: IF has THEN GO
TO 1920
 292 GO TO d
 300 IF inn = C THEN LET inn = inn - U
305 CLM: IF V(inn) >t THEN PRINT ts(x), "art the winners!"; TAB
d," by ",d-g(inn)," wickets"
318 IF V(inn) <t THEN PRINT ts(u
     are the winners!
 "; t-v (inn), " runs"
 320 IF v(inn) = 1 THEN PRINT
iei"
 330 PAUSE 100: PAUSE I
 340 GO 5UB 2610
 350 CLS : PRINT "U-Usew Statist
CS"""N-New teams"""S-Same teams
"- GO CUB U IF 8#="V" THEN GO T
0 340
 3°0 IF as="5" THEN GO TO 5500
370 IF as<>"N" THEN GO TO 350
 380 60 70 5100
 410 LET NEVAL 35
410 LET n=VAL as IF hoz THEN L
ET A=U LET h(d(s),n,i)=h(d(s),n
/ i ) +U
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The program can be used to keep a record of the score when listening to the cricket on the radio. You could try and out perform the Honeywell computer used on TV, if you have a spare set. I also use SuperScore to keep a record of the game of Howzthai

Alternatively you could take your computer to your local cracket club to impress them with your electronic wizardry The program can be SAVEd in mid-game (use command S) which will also save all the variables. To make a copy of the program without variables type Y when the scoreboard is displayed

With each game you will be asked whether you wish to count each ball. If you reply Y then you must type 0 when no run is scored from a ball. If you reply N then you must remember to type 0 at the end of each over. When a cor

Constant values 152 -- 20; d = 10, e = 5680, 23658, e = 1 Arrays giving information on each team in each instings: ¥ sumber of russ: R number of wickets fallers I number of overs faced: II fall of wickem a aumber of extrasu number of no balli Laumber of wider is aumber of by## z number of her by Arrays giving information on each player in each innings: r number of runs scored. b number of balls faceds m maiden overs bowledn number of wickets taken o number of overs bowleds a runs conceded by bowler h\$ information on how out (also used when loading and saving Jane Barres Other arrays nd in changing stylick at 10 st loant strongs panbat-of- incres (mony) NS names of players (\$ names of second Dung Court Limb me number of junity | | | | | | | liplayed di CONTRACTOR OF THE STREET SPECIAL SPECI full powing and a little fall. number of runs needed to be count 1 if each ball is counted; by bowling strike (1 or 2)-· battinient b number of balls so far in overm control for maiden over- 0 if no guns have been seemen i im number of last manufaction to auniber of runktivation has wicket fell i if team that batted first is batting = 0if team that bowled first is barhire 🚉 🖽 n control variables a\$ control variable, usually used ido store INKEY\$ value/ a loop variable:

Variables!

sor appears remember to press the ENTER key after you have typed the required information.

Note that the dots in the biting should be entered as Graphics A.

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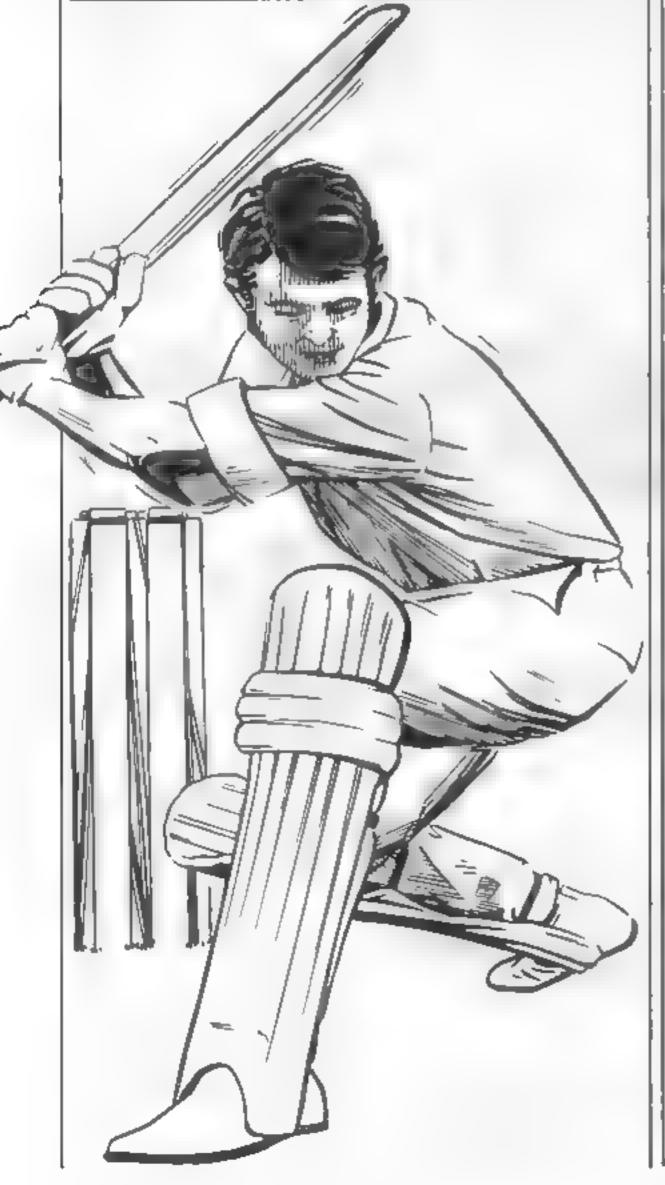
420 LET B(e(bs),i)== (e(bs),i)+n LET v(inn)=v(inn)+n. LET r(d[3) i) in (e(s) i) in IF the THEN IF V(inn) >t THEN IF inn =x AND no =b OR int=4 THEN GO TO 200 0 TO 220 (0 (bs), i): GO SUB r: G 430 PRINT AT r+s, f; r(d(s), i); RT 450 IF v(inn) >= t THEN PRINT AT Z, f, V (inn) -t, " ROWS AHEAD LIURN 4 S PRINT AT X F, t-V(100); 260 IF nowu OR 100=4 THUN PRINT AT Z, f, t-v(inn) +u, " RUNS TO WIN "; IF Max ()Z TH-N PRINT AT U, f; "IN "; max - ((inn), " OVERS" 470 IF DO =X THEN IF IND ()4 THEN PRINT " ALMS BEHIND" 490 RETURN 610 IF as <> "B" THEN GO TO C 620 INPUT "HOW KANY TURS SCOREd "in LET y (inn) =y (inn) +n: LET V((1)の) ユヤ((1)の) ナカ、 上だ丁 米((1)の) 米米((1)の PRINT AT 6, 1, x (100). GO SU ተነ ተከ 590 GO TO 700 IF bay THEN GO TO C 710 GO SUB 1950: GO TO 600 LET h (d(s),i) =" NOT OUT 810 IF o (# (65), i) = Z THEN LET o (@ (bs),i) =U 828 LET h#(d(s(s)),1)=" NOT OUT": LET inneinn+v: IF inner TH EN LET iex 830 IF isno OR innec THEN GO TO 300 M40 IF inn=x THEN LET t=V(U) 50 IF IDDEC THEN LET tay(x) -V(U) 570 IF IDD=4 THEN LET (=>(U)+V(r) = v(x)890 MM 78 5640

910 PRINT AT V.Z;"Type R 11 the Any other key y ran if they didn't"
920 GD SUB U: LET n=U: IF as="R THEN INPUT "No. of runs scored? ":0 930 LET t(inn)=t(inn)+n: LET V(inn) =v (inn) +n: LET x (inn) =x (inn) THEN GO SUB F 1210 IF at 45"H" THEN GO TO C "in: LET v(inn) =v(inn) +n: LET r(d(s),1) = r(d(s),1) + n: PRINT AT r+s,f;f(d(s),f); GO SUB r: GO TO 1320 CLS: PRINT TAB C; "INSTRUCT IONS-"'"Number"; TAB d; "No. of runs scored" "B"; TAB d; "Bye" "C"; TAB d; "Change bowler" "D"; TAB d, "Decleration" "E"; TAB d; "widE" "M"; TAB d; "no ball Mit by batsman" "I"; TAB d; "list Instructions" "L"; TAB d; "Leg bye" "N"; TAB d, "No ball" "Restarts with new game" "S"; TAB d; "Restarts with new game" "S"; TAB d; "Saves game and data" "U"; TAB d; "Usew Statis tics" "U"; TAB d; "Wicket" "Y", TAB 1320 CLS : PRINT TAB c; "INSTRUCT tics"'"""; TAB d; "wicket"'"Y", TAB "copies program" 1330 IF COUNT OF THEN PRINT AB d; "No runs scored" IF COUNT = THEN PRINT "O", T AB d; "end of Over" 1390 PRINT AT V,Z; FLASH U; "ANY GO TO L PAUSE 2: IP asty"L" THEN GO TO C "How many runs scored ;n: LET v(inn)=v(inn)+n: LET x(.nh) =x(inn)+n: LET z(inn)=z(in ni+n: PRINT AT 5,/;x{iinni: GO SU 1690 G(TO d 1610 If a#{>"N" THEN GO TO C 1820 LET U(inn)=U(inn)+n: LET Y(inn)=v(inn)+u: LET x(inn)=x(inn) +u: PRINT AT U,z;v(ibn);AT 8,f;x (inn): GO TO d 0 0 1910 IF count=u THEN G

1920 LET ofe(bs),i)=0(£ (bs),i)+U LET L(inn)=L(inn)+U- IF M=Z TH EN LET m(e(bs),:) = m(e(bs),:)+U 1925 IF counter THEN FOR new TO x: LET b(d(n),i)=b(d(n),i)+u: NE XT n 1930 LET wez: IF ((inh)) =#8X AND max) THEN GO TO 800 1935 LET b=z: LET b\$ =\$ (55) 1940 IF max > Z THEN IF 0 (8 (bs),1) >=#ax/c THEN PRINT AT Y,Z;D\$(c1b 5)); " has bowled the wax הטסמב" יה ": BEEP t of overs .5,-d: PAUSE V: PAUSE Z: GO SUB 1945 GO SUB 4: GO TO L 1950 CLS : IF inn/x () INT (inn/x) THEN FOR n=e+u TO g: PRINT n-e, n\$(n): NEXT n: INPUT "no. of bow Ler? ":n: LET e(bs) =n+e 1960 IF inn/x = INT (inn/x) THEN F OR neu TO e: PRINT n,ns(n): NEXT n: INPUT "no. of bouter? '; e (bs 1970 IF e(x) = e(u) THEN GO TO 195 X/C THEN GO TO 1950 1998 RETURN 2218 IF 4\$45"R" THEN GO TO C 2220 GO TO 350 2318 SAUE "Superscore" LINE 2320 : GO TO d 2320 FDR y=USR """ TO USR """+7: POKE 9.0: NEXT 9: FOR 9=USR "a" +2 TO USR "a"+5: POKE 9.50: NEXT 9: POKE 23509.30: POKE P.8 2330 INK Z: PAPER 4: BORDER E: F LASH 2: BRIGHT 2: DUER 2: INVERS CLS C Z: 2340 GD TD L 2500 IF as()"U" THEN GO TO C 2505 GD SUB 2610: GD TD 2610 IF inn = U THEN LET as="1": G O TO 2640 2628 CLS: PRINT TAB d: "UHICH IN NINGS?" '"1-", t# (U); " 1st Innings ": IF no mx THEN IF inn) er THEN PRINT ""3-"; t# (U); " 2nd Innings": IF inn =4 THEN PRINT "4-"; t# (x); " 2nd I nnings" 2635 GO SUB U: IF ast"1" OR CODE ##>48+inn THEN GO TO 2630 2640 CLS : PRINT "TERM RUNS (": (as): LET n=U; IF UAL as)x THEN L EF nex 2645 IF VAL BE/X=INT (VAL BE/X) THEN FOR y=e+u TO 9: PRINT y-e;" 2550 IF UAL as/x()INT_{UAL as/x) THEN FOR YEU TO R: PRINT ! 2650 PRINT n#(9);" "; h#(9, h) 29; r(y,n): NEXT y: PRINT " nb, "; t (UAL as); " (VAL as);" 16"; TAB 29, x (UAL as): IF 9=12 IF 9-12 T HEN FOR YELL TO 9 2665 IF y = 23 THEN FOR y=v TD e 2675 IF O(y,n)) THEN PRINT ns(y); TAB (, 0 (y, n); TAB 18; m (y, n); TAB 21; w (y, n), "-"; a (y, n) PRINT AT V-U,C;"FAL 2680 NEXT 4-L OF WICKETS f (g, UAL as); " " L as). PRINT INPUT "Type player's EXT 9: for more into (B TO RETURN) OR 45="4 IF 932 THEN IF #\$="2" " THEN LET 9=9+e 2685 IF 9=2 THEN RETURN 2688 CLS : GO SUB 2690: 00 TO 25 40 2690 PRINT D\$(y)'r(y,D);TAB c;"R UNS"'b(y,D);: IF count = THEN PR INT TAB c; "BALLS"; IF b(y,n) <>z THEN PRINT AT 1,2; / (0,0)./h(0,0) *100, TAB c, "RUNS/100 BALLS" \$592 1" COURT = THEN IF h(0,0). 2592 I' count = THEN IF b(y,n) ()
2 THEN PRINT TAB (, "OVERS"; AT ', ステド (タテバ) アト (タテカ)テTAB でき "RUNSアのひご名 2693 PRINT AT c,2;h(y,6,n);TAB c "SIXES" 'h (y,c,n); TRB c; "FIVES" h (y,4,n), TAB c; "FOURS" h (y,f,n);

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TAB C: "THREES" 'h (y,x,n); TAB C; "T WOS" 'h (y,v,n); TAB C; "SINGLES"; AT Y,Z; FLASH v, "ANY KEY"; PAUSE v PAUSE Z. RET IRM TAB d. "1-Cau ht", TAB d, "2-Bowl 2710 CLS ed"; TAB d; "3-5. Umped"; TAB d, "4-L 50", TAB d; "5-H; t Wicket", TAB d; " S-RUN CUL"; TAB d; "7-Not Cut" 2715 GO SUB U: IF as ("1" OR as>" 7" THEN GO TO 2710 2720 IF #\$="7" THEN GO TO L 2725 IF & = "2" THEN LET ha (d (s) , il ="bowl 2730 IF as="3" THEN LET hs(d(s), 11 ="St b. 2735 IF 46="4" THEN LET 55(d(s), 11 ="Lb# 2740 IF as="5" THEN LET hs(d(s), 1) ="Hit w" 2741 LET g(inn) = g(inn) + u: LET (# = d(s): LET (# (inn): LET f(g(in n), inn) = lu: IF count =u THEN LET 5=5+U



2742 IF b(d(s),1)=2 THEN LET b(d (S),i) =U 2745 IF as="5" THEN LET hs(d(s), 1)=" RUN OUT ": GD TO 2766 2756 IF as()"1" THEN GD TO 2755 2751 CLS : IF inn=U DR inn=r THE N FOR net+u TO heg: PRINT n,n\$(n): NEXT h 2752 IF innex OR inne4 THEN FOR DEU TO DEC: PRINT D,D\$(D): NEXT B753 INPUT "No. of fielder? ";n: LET ha (d(s), i) ="ct"+5TR# n 2755 LET w (e (bs) ,1) = w (e (bs) ,1) + u ; LET ha(d(s),1)(c+v TO f)=na(e) **55)** 2760 CLS : PRINT TAB V; V(Inn); "~ (g (inn) : LET wed (s): LET nel: G BUB 2590 2766 IF g(inn) =d THEN GG TO 618 2767 CLS : IF inn=u OR inn=r THE N FOR n=u TO a 2769 IF innex OR Innet THEN FOR 2770 IF b(n,1) =0 THEN PRINT h-k, n & (n) 2775 NEXT D: INPUT "No. of Dext batsman? ";n: LET d(s) =n+k 2775 IF b(d(s),1)()@ OR d(U)=d(x THEN GO TO 2767 2780 IF count = U THEN IF g(inn) (> d THEN IF 5=6 THEN GD TO 1920 2790 GD TC 1 2900 IF \$6()"Y" THEN GD TO 2 2910 CLEAR : SAVE "Superscore" INE 2000 2928 PRINT "U-Verify"'"N-New gam 2930 IF INKEYS="U" THEN VERIFY " Superscore": CLS : PRINT FLASH 1 ; "O.K.": PAUSE 0: GO TO 5000 2940 IF INKEYS="N" THEN GO TO 50 00 2950 GD TD 2938 3000 GD TD C 5000 CLEAR : FOR y=USR "a" TO US R "a"+7: POKE U.S. NEXT U. FOR U 50: NEXT U: LET L=5680: LET Z = 0: POKE 23609,30: LET f=3: LET C=5 LET f=15: LET x=2: LET g=22: L ET U=1 LET V=20: LET P=23658 ET d=10: LET max=2: LET e=11 5010 POKE P.S: INK Z. PAPER 4 ORDER 4. FLASH z; BRIGHT z: OVER INVERSE Z: CLS 5100 POKE p.z: DIH ts(x,d). DIM ns(g,d): DIM hs(e,d): PRINT AT c,z; "What is the balling teams na pe?": INPUT (\$(U) 5110 POKE P 8. CLS : PRINT AT d. z;"L-Load p syers names" "T-Type 30 in names SUB U 5120 IF as="L" THEN LOAD 15(U) ATA h () : GO TO 5150 5130 IF a () "T" THEN 3\$ (>"T" THEN GO TO 5110 S140 POKE P.Z: CLS : FLOT N=5 'hs PRINT ha(n): NEXT n (n): S150 POKE P.8: CLS : PRINT AT d, z; "Do you want to alter any name a?": GO SUB U: IF a#="N" THEN GO TO 5190 5160 IF as()"Y" THEN GO TO 5150 5170 CLS : PRINT INVERSE U; "TYPE ENTER FOR NO CHANGE" POKE PIZ. FOR new TO &: PRINT D, bs(D) IN as: IF as()"" THEN LET hs(n) PRINT n,hs(n) 5180 NEXT D 2; "Do you want to save this team 5200 IF INKEYS="Y" THEM SAUE ts(U) DATA hatt: GO TO 5220 THEN GO TO 5 5210 IF INKEYS ()"N" 500 6220 POR n=u TO e: LET n\$(n)=h\$(h): NEXT POKE P.Z: PRINT AT d, 5230 CLS "Uhat is the bowling teams nam INPUT 1 8 (X) 5240 CLS : POKE P.B: PRINT AT d. z; "L-Load players names" "T-Type in names": GO SUB u

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5250 IF as="L" THEN LOAD ts(x) D ATA 5817: GO TO 5286 5250 IF a\$47"T" THEN GO TO 5240 5270 POKE P.Z: CLS : FOR neu To "player? "'h# R: PRINT D .: INPUT (n): PRINT h&(n): NEXT n 5250 POKE P.S: CLS : PRINT AT d, z;"Do you want to alter any name \$7": GO SUB u: IF ap="N" THEN GO GO SUB U: IF a **"N" THEN GD TO 5320 5290 IF astroy THEN GO TO 5260 5300 CLB; PRINT INVERSE U; "TYPE FOR N=U TO 0; PRINT h, h\$ (n); IN PUT a\$; IF a\$ ()"" THEN LET h\$ (n) THEN LET hatn) PRINT n,h#(n) 6310 NEXT N 6320 POKE P.6: CLS : PRINT AT d, "Do you want to save this 8330 IF INKEYS="Y" THEN BRUE X) DATA hat); GO TO 5350 THEN GO TO 5 330 5350 FOR N≈±+4 TO 9; LET N\$(N)=h \$ (n-e): NEXT n 5500 CLS : PRINT AT d.z; "How man innings?": INPUT no 5510 IF DOXZ OR DOXX THEN GO TO 5040 5520 IF howx THEN GO TO 5570 PRINT AT d, 2, "Is there an o limit?": GD SUB U IF a = "N" THEN GO TO 5570 5530 5540 IF as "Y" THEN PRINT AT 8,2 5550 "What is the overs timit?": INP UT max: GO TO 5570 3560 GO TO 5530 5570 DIM h#(9,no,f): DIM s(x): L ET s(v) =x: LET s(x) =v LET i=no+ LET inneu: LET tex: DIM d(x): DIM e(x): DIM f(g,no): DIM b(g,no)DIM m(g,no): DIM v(i) DIM ກດ): g (i) 5580 DIM U(1): DIM t(1): DIM U(1

DIM Z(i): DIM ((i): DIM f(d.i DIM x(i) 5590 DIM w(g,no): DIM p(g,no): D IH a(g,no) 5600 DIM h (22,6,no): LET i=U: LE T t=z: CL5 : PRINT AT d,I;"Do yo U want to count each ball?"; GO SUB U S610 IF as="Y" THEN LET COUDT #4: GO TO 5640 IF as="N" THEN LET count=Z: 5620 GO TO 5640 6630 GO TO 5600 S640 LET b=z: LET W=z: LET S=U: LET UN=z: LET UN=z: CLS : IF ind /x <>INT (inn/x) THEN LET d(u) =∪. LET d(x)=x: LET L=z 56**50** IF inn/x=INT (inn/x) THEN L ET d(u) =e+u: LET d(x) =e+x: LET K # P 5660 LET hs=u: GO 5UB 1950: CL5 PRINT "2nd Bowler next": PRUSE 2: LET bs=x· GO 5UB 1950: LET b S =1" TAB U; n\$ (e(U); i); TAB \$21; \text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\te\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\te 5683 CL5 . 1),"-";a(e(u),i);";ns(e(x));TA B f,o(e(x),i);TAB 18;m(e(x),i);T AB 21,b(e(x),i);"-";a(e(x),i) 5690 GD 5UB 450: PRINT AT f+s,z; "" AT #468,2; "" IF (m4) AND (m4) THEN PRINT AT 9,2; "LAST WI CKET" (W'"LAST HAN" "" (lm); " "; " 5695 IF count = U THEN FOR D = 7 TO b-U PRINT AT 19,2+D; " " NEXT 8000 GO TO d

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Take a scroll, and add a

Scroking is a widely used term in computing, but what exactly does it mean.?

Well, put the cursor of your computer on the bottom line and press RETURN. The whole screen shifts up one line, leaving a blank one at the bottom.

This is not true scrolling — the image you now see is unmoved in physical location. Just the data has been moved and you are still looking at the same memory locations.

A true scroll is achieved by using the screen as a window, and then moving that window. The "cheat" scroll is implemented because it is cheap on memory and quick.

However, what if you have several set screens of information/images to display, as in a menu-driven program?

On most computers the answer is to set the data up in free RAM, then when required copy it into the dedicated screen RAM. One the Atari this is not necessary.

The display list description I gave in an earlier article was a basic outline. Here, we will go into further detail.

The display list is a set of instructions for ANTIC, the video CPU. Setting bit 6 or, in other words, adding 64 to an instruction turns it into an LMS — Load Memory Scan

The ANTIC chip then uses the next two bytes as an address where it can find the screen memory. Try this

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The display list set up by BASIC mode 0 holds its LMS operands in the 4th and 5th bytes. There is a problem with the LMS, in that it cannot cope with more than one 4K block of memory in one go. For higher resolution screens, or to cross 4K, more LMS instructions are needed. So what?

So, by POKEing the address of the screen RAM we want into the LMS operand, we can instantly change screen — a technique known as page flipping.

Delete line 30 and add this.

30 F 9FEN+S MERCH+ 0 40 POKE UL+4, SCRESN " - EN 256 * 4 50 POKE UL+5, SCREEN 256

Make sure there is something on the top and bottom lines of the screen, then run this. The whole screen should "scroll" one line. The extra line pulled in at the bottom is inaccessible, and there is a non-visible line at the top of the screen.

This is because the operating system refuses to acknowledge the change. The only way round

few flips

We go into the Atari's ANTIC chip with Marc Freebury to find out how to flip pages and use fine scrolling

such statements as PLOT, and keep to PEEK and POKE

Page flipping is an impressive animation tool. The ability to change the whole screen in an instant lends itself particularly to large scale object movement. Try this:

This shows the speed at which BASIC can operate — moving 40 characters almost faster than the eye can perceive. This also shows up a disadvantage of page-llipping

This short program uses even screens, or about 6 5K. Thus the number of pages to be flipped between, and the resolution of those pages will have to be offset against the amount of memory available.

Page flipping also fails to allow a smooth progression — transition is instantaneous. For the menu, this is great, but for games it is less than ideal in certain circumstances.

Sometimes we will want to move over a playing area larger than the screen. Although the LMS operand can be manipulated in steps of one byte, the screen is assumed to be 40 characters by 24 lines, and data not of that width will not be displayed correctly. Therefore we are forced into copying the data to the screen.

In the end then, the manipulation is useful in some instances try designing a complex "front page" for your game, then switching instantly to it. Most commercial games do this and it is very effective.

However, the problems with the format of the data will prevent large scale use of this technique from BASIC.

Now that we understand the principle of the LMS in display lists, we can go further into the

uses of the ANTIC instruction set

The various bits 0-7 on an AN-FIC instruction byte invoke various operations. For example, bit 6 indicates an LMS, and combinations of bits 0-3 give the graphics modes available; in BASIC modes 0-11 and to the operating system 0-15. What then of the other bits?

We are going to examine bits 4 and 5. When the computer stores the image of a character, so that it can display it on the screen, it stores it as a sequence of eight bytes, each byte containing one row of the character. The Atan has the inbuilt capability of moving any or all mode lines in increments of one of these bits (ie left and right one dot) and in increments of one of these bytes (ie up and down).

The capability extends to all modes, but is most easily explained and demonstrated using mode 0

First, we inform the computer of the lines we wish to use this fine-scrolling on, and whether it will be left/right, up/down or both

Bit 5 enables vertical scrolling, in bit 4 enables horizontal scrolling. Generally we will want to scroll in the whole screen but we also leave the top line (the one combined with the LMS) as a buffer!

9 F F F PORE 1,34 NEXT I

Now, the amount of fine-scrolicach line takes will depend upon the value we poke into location 54277— the vertical scrolic register. If it was not zero to start with, and you run the above, you might notice a 'shift' in the screen Don't worry. Type POKE 54277,0 and everything should be normal. The screen can be scrolled by up to 15 dots, that is two BASIC mode 0 lines. Try this

LIST the program, then run it. Impressed? Now delete line 60 and add this

00 | R 1 7 | ST F P N S4.77 | 7 | R | 470 S NEXT 8 | NEXT | 1 9 | 1 | 0

Again, LIST and RUN.

To gain a continuous finescroll, we just finescroll the one line then reset the finescroll to zero and coarse scroll. Thus, delete lines 30 onwards and use this

30 *CHR\$ INT(RND(1) 255)) 40 FOR I/O TO 7 PONE \$4.77,1 50 FOR J/1 TO 50 NEXT J NO NEXT I GOID 30

It doesn't quite work, does it? That sharp jerk is annoying, and even in machine-code it cannot be removed (I've tried).

So what we do is manipulate the LMS to move the displayed screen one line forward. Again this is a technique better suited to machine code but from BASIC we can show the principle

Change and add the following anes:

The slight flicker in this can be ironed out in machine code Horizontal finescrolling has the added problem that the lines on the screen are contiguous memory locations, so if you scroll one in the middle alone, what comes on at the edge? The answer is that the characters from the line above/below comes on to fill the gap, and as a result the whole screen gets thrown out of line.

This can be demonstrated by changing the 34 in line 20 to a 50. We are now setting both horizontal and vertical finescrotling. Register Horizontal Scroll at location 54276 controls the amount

To correct the displacement problem, screen data must be arranged and retrieved in lines of greater width than one normal line. So, to do this, we POKE tocation \$59, register DMACTL, with 35. This means that ANTIC will now pull 48 locations per line instead of 40.

It also means that you will have to organise your information accordingly. Now the rough edges are not displayed on screen and scrolling in both directions appears smooth.

For the best example of finescrolling, try getting a look at Eastern Front 1941 from the Atari Program Exchange

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graphies of these programs, us ing a continuously animated spherical "paeman" motif, promote both good motivation and concentration span, in the children using them

draws correct text on the screen, the commas, full stops and capital letters of which are then rapidly consumed by the nasty green Nosher the Bad. The child then must put the stolen punc-

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This package contains two cassettes with four items, an oral spelling test, a multiple choice vocabulary quiz, a maths drift, and Estimate, to help in mental arithmetic. An A4 hard-back ring binder contains all the information needed to load and use the programs.

The package is designed for children aged five to adult. An ambilious claim, yet one that is achieved by allowing you to input data in two of the programs

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All the results are shown at the

end and in one case a high res smiling face is formed at the correct answers are given. A nice dea, particularly for schools, is the option to print results.

I found the spelling and vocabulary work too slow for general classroom use. Having put my own data in it took bet ween ten and fifteen minutes per child Good at home, however, allowing reinforcement of school

The maths work, by contract, was very good in school

There's a lot of potential for this sort of package and it bodes well for the Dragon's future as a school-based computer.

instructions	100%
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In play, Punky the Good

tuation back into the text, using the cursor control keys

The idea is a good one, but the examples of text consist of dreadful comic slang, that even has incorrect punctuation - as all quotes and necesary apostrophes are missing (to make things simpler?). Fortunately, teachers can easily insert their

own correct text into the DATA statements within the program

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The second section is a little game. A rocket is drawn then

three crates below it which, inturn, pass beneath it, the contents are revealed and a word is

Pressing if they match adds the item to the cargo, if not an item is removed. When full the rocket takes off Good practice in matching words/pictures and alphabetical sequencing

Good graphics and colour. arthough sound was not used to the full, Easy to use, interesting and enjoyable A good, but not outstanding program, which is well error trapped, bug free and reasonably user friendly. My big gest enticism is the price

this feet advanta	6 . 17
instructions	64 P
playability	Trus e
graphics	6"00
value for money	2000



Facemaker BBC 32K £9.95

ASK, London House, 68 Upper Richmond Road, London SW15

This has to be the most surprising educational program I have seen. The idea is to build up faces on the wreen by answering questions about the features and seeing the product of your answers

appear. The questions cover such hings as eves, hair, mouth, ears, etc and some alternatives are given e y smail or large for eyes

My fits, erricism is that there are not enough anethatives in some cases like ear size, so you have to make inappropriate

There are also no alternatives for age or colour/ethnic type, so it would not really be of great value in multi-ethnic schools. In fact the question of value is a

rather difficult one to assess I cannot really think of any area of education where this fully a need and the Educational News in the accompanying booklet are just as

vague as 1 am! There is no way I would be prepared to spend his amount of money for the little and gim micks use this program is tikely to get in school or he he thre final and major point is the total tack of a screen dumping tacities - so your masterpiece is loss. forever as soon as another is created

matructions case of use display value for money



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Hide & Seek **BBC 32K £9.95**

ASK, London House, 68 Upper Richmond Road, London SW15 Based on the old familiar games of Hide & Seek, Pelmanism and kim's Game, this program's overall aim is memory training. and it succeeds very well indeed.

There are three games usually

with more than one difficulty

level, so the program will span a large age range

Besides being useful as a single player game I would suggest that this could be used with a small group of children to encourage communication and discussion skills. The input required varies from single key presses to spell ing complete words but the error trapping is such that it is very difficult to crash the program accidentally

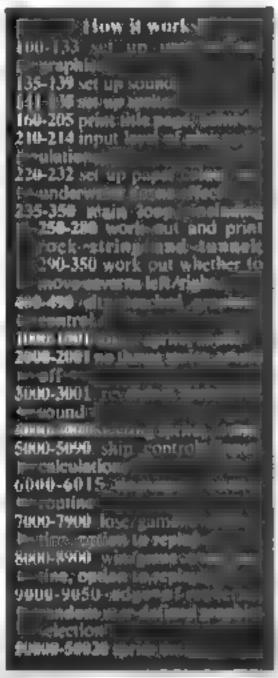
The most outstanding feature of the program is the number and variety of the graphic shapes presented. They are just the right size and are very easily recognisable. The instructions are to the high standard that this company usually presents

I would however suggest you use command *FX210,1 before loading, as this will stop the constant sound effects from driving you mad. D.C

9500 astractions 90% case of use TOXIVo display 4990 value for money



Will you survive to reach the underwater city?



How are your reactions? They will need to be sharp when you tackle my game of Manoeuvre for the Commodore 64

The idea is to guide your ship through narrowing caverns to the underwater city using the following keys

A left D right I up M down

There are three levels of play Level one is the hardest yet shortest with narrower widths and more fluctuation

You do have a certain

Hints on conversion

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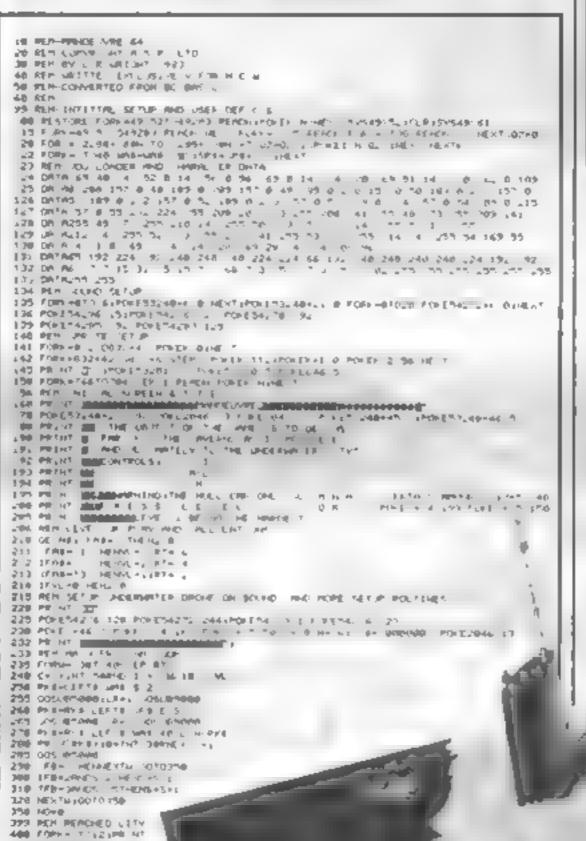
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Unfortunately you re a bit stumped unless your computer has sprites like the 64, for example, the Atan 400 or 800 or the Sord M5. So I don't suggest that anyone with a non-sprite microlines to convert this program.

o Clive Wright is with BC Computers, which has brought out an extended BASIC for the Commodore 64 It is called BC BASIC and, for £19 95 on tape, adds 30 new commands. For details, in cluding a detailed description of BC BASIC commands, send an SAE to B C Computers, 28 Askerfield Avenue, Aliestree, Derby DE 3 2SU

Take up the challenge of Clive Wright's game for the Commodore 64. It's addictive and makes good use of sprites and graphics



Variables & general purpose loops VI. width, decided by level of play RT rate at which caverns parrow H damage W width of cavern N sprite data start of opening in cavern T15 built in clock F end of opening in cavern wall WAS string for creating wall SPS strong for creating spaces RK\$ cavern rock formation I Rieft right hand portion X determines keypress Minumber of manufes 5 number of seconds I total number of seconds R random variable for cavern

resistance to damage and can sustain a scrape. At the end you will be given the time for your journey, whether or not it was successful.

edge formation

If you find it to easy, I suggest you change H = 16 in line 230 to a lower number, perhaps 15 or 8

Most earlier versions of this game have been rather non addictive and had the problem that when the background scrolled the ship did too — much to the annoyance of the player.

But with the 64 the sprites are totally independent of the background. Yet they can still detect collisions with, in this case, the rocks.

In addition, the 64 has much better sound that the average micro and good use can be made of user-defined graphics.

COMMODORE 64 PROGRAM

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Top Ten programs for the Dragon-32

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2	The King	Microdeal (7)
3	Android Attack	Salamander (6)
4	Nightfiight	Microdeal (-)
5	Progger	Microdeal (9)
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7	Cuthbert Goes Walkabout	Peaksoft (-)
В	Champions .	Winterson !-
9	Dragon Trek	Microdeal (-)
10	Space Shuttle Simulator	1-00

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Top Ten programs for the ZX81

1	Space Raiders	Sinclair (8)
2	Espionage Island	Sinclair (10)
3	Football Manager	Addictive Games (1)
4	Flight Simulation	Sinclair (3)
5	1K Games	Sinclair (5)
6	1K Chess	Sinciair (6)
7	Defender	Quicksilva (2)
8	Scramble	Quicksilve (4)
9	Planet of Death	Sinclair (9)
10	Fantasy Games	Sinclair (7)

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Top Ten programs for the VIC-20

		Imagine (1)
1	Arcadia	Imagine (2)
2	Wacky Waiters	Bug Byte (3)
3	Partic	Bug Byte (5)
4	Cosmiads	Imagine (6)
5	Catcha Snatcha	Rabbit (-)
6	Escape MCP	Rabbit (-)
7	Cyclons	Llamasoft (8)
8	Gr.drunner	Llamasoft (7)
9	Laser Zone	Rapbit (-)
10	English Invaders	

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U.S. SCENE

Toking the Worry out of buying

Let's start this week's column with a prediction of the future of home computing by certain respected members of the profession.

First of all Clive Smith, research director of the well known Yankee Group. In Mr Smith's opinion, from five to eight million computers will be sold this year (here). He also projects that even tually there will be many computers in each household just like there are radios now

Some of his other predictions: home computers will be much more commonly used as communications terminals when 1200 hand moderns that cost tess than \$100 become as anable in quantity; may word of mouth will become the primary criteria for program busing that home computers will be placed in one of three categories movelty, 16K, or professional 64K), that there will be at least 30 000 computer dealers in the US by the end of this year, and that dealers will begin to specialize their offerings to one or two lines.

Don Ross of Timex Corp., which markets their versions of the Spectrum and ZX81, looks for personal productions software products to really take off in sales, and for pricing to stabilize with the competitive emphasis shifting to value and features.

Many other leaders agreed that obsolescence of customer's equipment should be minimized, more emphasis should be placed on after-purchase support, and that sales support should feature in

depth product availability.
It would certainly be nice for those predictions to come true. If
nothing else, a little stability in the marketplace would be nice.
There are many consumers indeed who are afraid to buy the most
cost effective product, regardless of whether it is hardware or soft
ware, for fear that its maker may not be around in a year or two.
They do not want to end up with a very expensive paperweight of
dust collector.

Learners mention the availability of software or hardware for the Landy Color Computer. It isn't that I am mased against the machine, it is just that I hardly ever see anything advertised or written about for it in particular.

Here is the rare exception. Super "Color" Writer II, version 3-0, has just been made available. This hitle software package is a word processor offering eight both res lower case displays having true descenders. It also allows 60K of memory using the ROMpak version in a 64K computer or 51K using the disc or tape versions.

Editing functions include locate and change, hie insert, block moves, various delete functions, and full cursor control. The program allows you to automatically justify print lines, use super- and subscripts, perform underlining, include headers and footnotes, and pause between single sheet feeds. It also allows you to view a reproduction of the finished copy on the screen before printing it

Using special horizontal scrolling techniques, von can create and edu pages having up to 240 columns per une. There are programmable functions that will adose you to automatically include standard phrases, edu and create columns, link text files, and other features.

Printing commands can be placed anywhere in the text to control-the printed output—on the fly—Ad versions include the necessary commands to save and load flies to tape, while the disc version includes the most up to date disc operating system commands that the Color Computer will support

The tape and disc versions use at least 32k and cost about \$70 and \$100 respectivety. The ROMpak version requires a 64k machine and costs about \$90. For further details contact the manufacturer. Softlaw Corporation, 9072 Lyndule Avenue South, Minneapolis Minnesota 55420. This seems like a very good product for the price.

That's it for this week

Bud izen

Fairfield, California

SOFTWARE REVIEWS

Frogger TRS-BO **Models I and** III £14

Austell, Cornwall PL25 5JE

This game is also available on disc for an extra £2. Both versions are joystick compatible, and can provide sound through an appropriate amplifier.

There's a standard road-andriver scenarios, with the added hazard of crocodiles and snakes in the river

The producers have done their best to make the most of

the TRS-80's limited graphics and have provided a haunting soundtrack, it's a real pity that the machine doesn't allow co. our. The screen is very crowd ed, and it does take a while to recognise some of the objects.

Having said that, I enjoyed Microdeal, 41 Truro Road, St the game, and found it much more playable once I had go accustomed to tening crocodiles. apart from logs

D.B

instructions	3000
playability	K(10 o
graphics	7500
value for money	5000



Games to catch you on the hop

If you're hopping mad, these games are for you — they're all based on the Frogger theme.

Croaker **BBC B £7.95**

Program Power, 8 8a Regent Street, Chapel Allerton, Leeds LS7 4PE

This is Program Power's version of the amphibian areade

classic, which places you in contro of a somewhat misshapen 17.02

Points are awarded for each successful move and for each Frog delivered safely home. Bonus points are awarded for swift completion of each phase, when a family of six frogs are a home Each phase becomes

progressively more difficult

The game is well presented with concise instructions on the cassette itsert. The instructions are also included within the pro-

Use of graphics and sound is execuent. Most pleasing is the ability to be able to switch off the background Beethoven

found one small bug in that the Escape key does not appear to be fully error trapped. Try it and see

5 5 00 h instructions 90% playability 95% graphics 8500 value for money

Super Frogger TI-99/4A (Extended Basic)

By Norton Software, from bank Stainless Software, 10 Alstone Road, Stockport

The game begins with the ques tion; Do you want to play the Advanced game? If you answer Y you're then asked for the password, which of course you instructions don't know unless you got it by Pravability playing sufficiently well at the graphics non-advanced game

This latter is slow to start. although the graphics are quite good and colourful. You guide

your frog across a busy road followed by splash free guidance across a river valogs/barges/etc. The occas onar crocodile may be thrown in for good measure.

Time is a factor displayed via a shorten ng red line, while you attempt to steer your frog across to the opposite river

You have four three and once you get the hang of it, is can be quite good fun-

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Leapfrog T1-99/4A (Extended Basic) £3.99

Saturn Software, 19 River

Park, Marlborough, Willy

Courde a large green frog, firshy across a busy motorway, w thout being reduced to frog puree by a thundering jugger naut and then hopping across a value for money river aided by a number of floating barrells and turties, until eventually you reach the sanctuary of your froggy hole

The tape contains two ver sions, one for keyboard and one for joysticks

The colourful graphics and sound effects were good, max ing extensive use of Extended Basic's sprite facilities

The game itself was unfor tunately a nitle limited in scope, missing several features found on other versions. Still, with a price tag of £3.99, it can be considered value for money V.A.

instructions pravability graphics

Frogger 64 Commodore 64 £7

Interceptor Micros, Lindon House, The Green, Tadley, Hants,

Aparl from frog, road, and river complete with logs and turtles, other objects on the screen are alligators, worms, crocodiles, lady frogs and flies The graphics for all of these are of an extremely high standard

It would have been beiter, however, if the frog moved smoothly rather than flashing from one place to another

The game is potentially a winner. The trouble is that it con-

tains some bugs. Strange things sometimes occur when you are three quarters of the way across the screen, you may lose a meor re-appear in an odd place Before buying the game I would advise you to cheek that these have been ironed out

The keyboard or joystick can be used to play the game the keys are sensibly placed K L

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ORIC PROGRAMMING

In my previous article I demonstrated how multicoloured displays may be obtained on the Oric-1 in TEXT mode

Many of the principles described in that article can be applied to Oric's HIRFS mode, but there are a number of differences

So, although this article aims to show how high resolution colour displays can be obtained on the Oric, I'll start by re-capping on the principles developed last time

The Oric display file in TEXT mode contains a mixture of characters and attributes. This 'file' is located between 48000 and 49119 on the 48K Oric, and 15232 and 16351 in the 16K ver mon

The lower address corresponds to the top left screen position, the higher is the bottom right position. Each byte corresponds to one character square of the screen display of 28 rows of 40 characters. The first two characters of each row are the aiributes for PAPER and INK Attributes have byte values between 0 and 23

The remainder of the row can either be characters (byte values between 32 and 127, and 160 and 255), or more attributes

The first two attributes in the row define the foreground and background colours for the whole row unless, in progressing right across the row, another at inbute is encountered. At this point, the new colour takes over

Attributes appear as spaces on the screen

The display file in HIRES mode is far larger than in TEXT, extending from 40960 to 49119 (48K), or 8192 to 16351 (16K). The major part of the display file (40960 to 48959) is devoted to the high resolution chart, while 120 bytes (49000 to 49119) are used for the three rows of TEXT style display at the bottom of the screen.

To demonstrate how the display file is arranged, type in the following short routine, and RUN

10 HIRLS

20 FOR1 = 40960T048959

30 POKEL60 PRINTI

40 NEXTL

As the value 60 is POKEd se quentially into the display file, the address to which the value is placed is printed on the TEXT portion of the screen

The easy way to hi-res colour with your Oric

In another article on handling the Oric's screen display, David Nowotnik shows how to get high-resolution colour, with routines you can try



The demonstration should show two things. One byte in HIRLS mode stores the dot pattern for one row of six dots. And, the display file starts at the top left of the screen, and works its way across the screen; after 40 bytes (or $40 \times 6 = 240$ dots), the next byte (41000) starts on the left of the second row — and so on down the screen

Take TEXT mode, the global INK and PAPER colours are stored as attributes on the display file, unless you want a white on back display

Try a few direct PAPER and INK commands after RUNning the above routine. The display eolours will change, and the two left-most columns are replaced by attributes (as they would be in IEXT mode)

Table 1 demonstrates how to calculate the value to be POKEd to give any desired dot pattern. Note that all dot patterns have values between 32 and 127.

Colour attributes have values between 0 and 7, and 16 and 23 (as shown in table 2). Try the tollowing routine.

10 HTRE 5 20 FORT 40960 F048920 STE P40 30 POKE1,RND(1)*8 + 16 40 NEXT1

You should get thin rows of colour on the screen. Type PAPER 4, and you light has one block of colour. Add the line 35 POKEL + 20,RND(1)*8 + 16

and RUN again. You get thin colour lines again, but the colours change half way along the row Line 30 POKEs the background colour attributes down the left hand side of the screen.

This defines the colour for the whole row (without line 35). With time 35, more attributes are placed halfway along each row; these redefine the colour of the right of the attribute. The PAPER command will alter all the attributes in the first column, but not those created by line 35.

The FILL Command can be used instead of POKE, FILL effectively POKEs a number into a specified block of bytes. The top left position of the block used by FILL is the cursor position. Try 10 HIRES

20 F11.L 20,10,60

This will FILL a block 10 columns across, and 20 rows down with the dot pattern appropriate to the value 60. The block is posimoned at the top left of the screen, as the cursor starts at this position. Now, add a line

15 CURSET 20,20,0

and RUN again. Now the HI Led block has moved away from the top left; its starting point is 20 rows down, and their teger of (20/6+1) columns across

Note that after FILL the cursor position is in the byte suimediate is below the bottom left hand corner of the block filled.

FILE can be used with at tributes in the same way, but you should only want to FILE one byte, or one column of bytes, so you would use

FILL x.1,ATT where x is the number of columns to be filled

When you have an attribute on the screen, it appears as a blank space. If you use the commands DRAW or CIRCLE, and the line goes through one or more at tributes, then nothing will appear on the screen at the attribute post tion

Lor example 10 H1RES 20 CURSUT 0,1,0 30 POKE 41020,20 40 DRAW 200,0,1

Note that, should the DRAW command go through several attributes, your program may stop with a system error message

One final up about HIRES mode: The command CLS will only work on the TEXT portion on the screen. To clear the screen, use HIRES again.

Table 2 attribute values for One colours

Colour black red	fore- ground ()	back- ground 16 17
green	2	18
vellow	\$	19
blue	4	20
magenta	5	21
CV dTi	6	22
white	7	23

Table 1 calculation of the value for dot patterns in HIRES mode

32 16 8 4 2 1 +64

Add up the numbers associated with the boxes (dots) that you want 'switched on', then add 64 (number range 64-127). Note, you can use numbers between 32 and 63, but the left-most dot will always be 'on'



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VIC-20 PROGRAM

Variables

LS(I) characters in word(s)

R(I) order of characters in ana
gram

SS(I) specified characters in anagram

P(I) position of specified characters

ANS(I) SAVEd an agram
G(I) array to check the characters
in an agram match characters

in word

NI number of letters in word LP characters in specified anagram

Impress your friends, offend your enemies. Just let my program loose on their names and it will generate several good — or nasty — anagrams

It could also be used for semiserious applications such as scrabble, crosswords and com-

Petitions

Type it into an unexpanded VIC-20 and the tatle "Anagram" appears and is randomly rearranged until C is pressed

You are then asked to enter your word/s, which can be up to 20 characters long

The program recognises spaces as characters and it's a good idea to include some spaces as this tends to generate the best anagrams.

Now sit back, watch the screen and let inspiration bit you. The computer does the work and it's lar easter than fiddling with Scrabble tiles

If you see a letter grouping which appeals to you press S. You can then enter this grouping anywhere in the anagram and the computer will build round it

When you have an anagram you like you can SAVE at, plus 14 more. When you have finished, terminate the program and the computer will list your chosen anagrams

I have written the program in no-frills" BASIC, avoiding PEFKs and POKEs, to allow easy conversion. It will also run on a Commodore PET

Find words you never knew existed

See what your computer can do with words. Bryn Phillips wrote Anagram for the unexpanded VIC-20, but it will easily convert to other micros

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25 PRINT MARABANA CONTRACTOR Y
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How it works: 15-94 display title warman 100-200 break up word into 210-350 create awagram by randomising all unspecified characters ----360-400 print anagram and allow options to be taken 🐇 🕟 1000-1220 subroutine to allow part of anagram to be specified ---1500-1550 subroutine to prist - options 2000-2080 subroutine to SAVE anagram and to list selected anagrams to date: --- - - - -2500-2540 LIST selected ana-E Praiss, end

Hints on conversion

hew problems would be expected in converting this program to run on other micros in BASIC Considerable use has been made of the cursor controls in the PRINT statements and in converting the program some effort would be required to achieve a satisfactory screen format

There might also be differences in some of the string handling commands, but otherwise conversion should be straightforward

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This is a real-time game so if you don't make a move (use the cursor keys) the spiders will anyway

Difficulty level 1 is quite easy You can go above level 3 but you won't stand a chance'

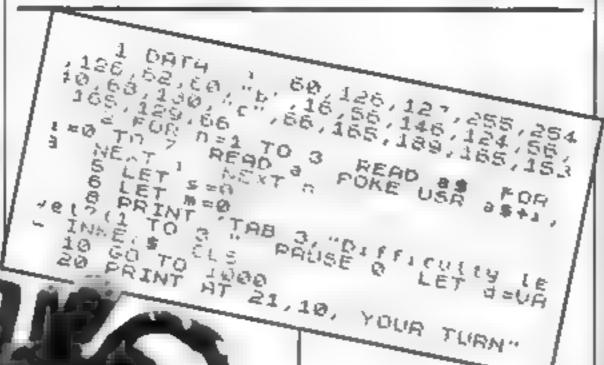
Note: The capital letters within quotes in lines 70, 180, 210, 1110. 1170 and 1190 are user-defined graphies. Enter these in the graphics mode

Variables.

p, q position of man x, y positions of spiders s score (how many moves you manage)

m spider death counter d difficulty level

If you can't stand spiders you'll hate the man-eaters in this Spectrum program by Clyde Bish. Why not grit your teeth and type it in?



How it works-

1-8 set graphics, reset counter and score, set difficulty level and 28-70 input and move man

80-190 move spiders relative to man's new position. Check if spiders reach man or fall into ponds -

214-250 end of game routing 1000-1040 print field of play 1050-1090 dimension arrays, set man's start position to centre

110**0-1120** print ponds

1130-6180 set up spider maximami clear of man

f 190 prints man in start position

Hints on conversion

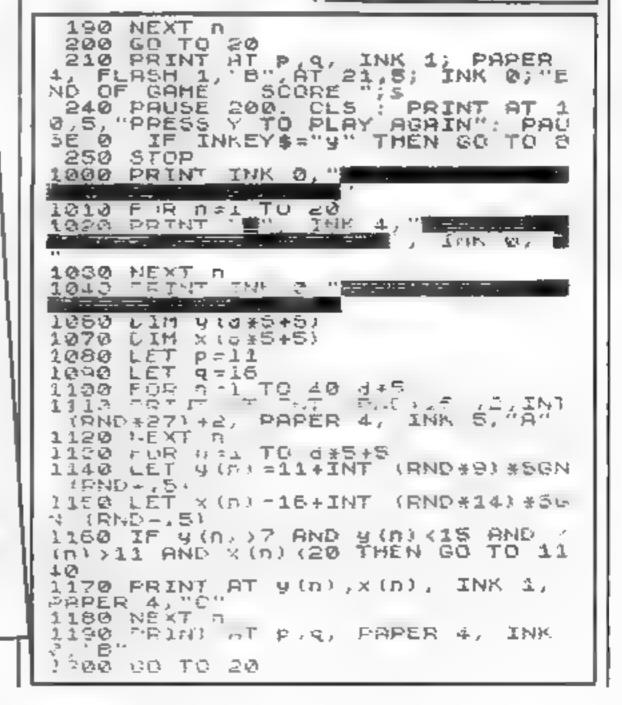
ZX81 users could replace the user-defined graphics with available symbols, e.g. graphic A for the ponds etc., and use the DF,CC systems variable to detect the code of the chosen symbols in place of ATTR

To help users of other BASICs the INK/PAPFR colours are 0 black, 1 blue, 4 green, 5 cyan.

ATTR detects screen attributes at PRINT position (down, across). 32 green paper/black ink-(man), 37 green paper/cyan ink-

The key to the spider's tracking ability is contained in the logic in mes 110-140.

PAUSE 50*(4-d SE LET ME-INKEYS 35 PRINT AT 21,10, 10, 4, 20) - (60 LET 9=9+(#\$="8" AND 9(30)-1 1 \$= 7 AND P > 1) 65 IF ATTR (P. q) =37 OR ATTR (P. q) =33 THEN GO TO 210 9\$5"5" AND 9>1) 68 LET 5-5+1 INK 70 PRINT OT P. 4, PAPER 4, 80 FOR n=1 TO d=5+5 90 IF y(n)=0 THEN GO TO 190 ð; "B" 100 PRINT AT Y (n), x (n); INK 4, 110 IF ABS (P-9 in)) >ABS (q-x (n) 120 LET x (n) =x (n) = (x (n) >q) + (x (n 140 LET 9(n) =9(n) - (9(n) 10) + (9(n) 1 (9) 160 IF ATTR (9 (n),x(n)) =32 THEN) (P) 170 IF ATTR (9 (n) / x (n)) = 37 THEN LET (n) = 37 LET # = 4 = 3 *5 +5 THEN GO TO 210 PRINT AT 9 (n) , K(D), PAPER 4; INK 1,"C"





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The evil spirits that inhabit the cursed mine have been aroused by your desire to steal their diamonds. Beware of falling boulders, bats who steal points, spider's webs, and a ghost hat has a nasty habit of materialising near to you

There are three lifts, which take you up or down levels and provide you with complete safe to Extra lives can be gained by drinking life potions.

A bonus is given which varies with the length of time you took to sten, all the diamonds, then you start a new level

This interesting concept has all the makings of an excellent game, but the action is far too slow. Once you've got the hang of it, the game drags on interminably, because the difficulty remains the same. To make mat ters worse, after the score has reached about 36,000 it reverts to

I nderstangably. Areade are now bringing out an improved version with graded difficulty

If you're hopeless at playing areade style games, then "Raider of the Cursed Mine" could be ideal. Otherwise, you'll master it so quickly in its present form that it will become boring. S.E.

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playability	1500
graphics	7000
value for money	5700



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Rabbit, 380 Station Road, Harrow HA1 2DL

For some reason only one of the toar copies of this game would load unusua, in a Rabbit program

This is a maze game Stop grouning, it's a good maze game, and original at that

There is little doubt that the MCP refered to in the fifte is not Male Chauvinist Pig but Master Computer Program as in Tron

The point of the game is to rush along a convoluted corridor pursued by a leggy M-shaped ob ject (which cares lattle for walls)

It is difficult to keep out of the way of the opposition, but possible with skill and dexterity. Con rol is from joystick or keyboard, the latter proving more precise.

Different levels are achieved with increasing difficulty, as walts are in part invisible in the higher levels

This is a good game, with only a little music. I recommend it



Star Trek Commodere 84 E7.00

Interceptor Micros, Lidon House, The Green, Tadles, Hants

Star Trek is one of those old favourites which are always cropping up in varying formats. The usual plot is that you pilot a space ship and spend your time exploring the universe, killing kling ons and trying to gain promotion. The complexity of the game varies depending on the programmer

As they go, this is a fair but not exceptional version. You are offered three different scenarios which offers a nice variety. The perceived complexity of the game was high with two "computer" options, detailed break-down of ships status and very detailed star

The use of graphics was good and the star map quite near with a cross hair cursor to help you study different star systems

As play proceded I got the impression that the game wasn't as complex of enthralling as first impressions suggested. The combat rottine wasn't particularly graphics with the graphics capabilities of the 64. I had expected moving alters, zapping tasers and a bit of fast real time as on

But overall, not a bad version of a good old standard, and at the price, a good buy. A W.

nstructions	100%	
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Hummer House of Horror Spectrum 48K

1 asersound, Stratford Workshops, Burford Road, London E15

This is a typical haunted-house adventure game in which you have to traverse 60 rooms on four floors to reach a maiden with an hour to live.

The display is a sequence of 3D rooms, all the same except for the number of doors and the oxasional staircase.

Labels show the room's inhabitant and items to pick up, and the name of the room and the progress of the chance on

counters appear as text in a panel at the bottom

Text messages tell you the results of your input and, then, perhaps, the room changes. A nice touch is a one hour clock in a sorner of the display

I found both copies very difficult to load and the system of matching strings to give instructions is slow and error prone

The repeated display becomes very duit and you are invited to keep a note of your strength, which drops with moves and goes up or down with encounters. Why not display it? This is a pretty ordinary game. H.C.

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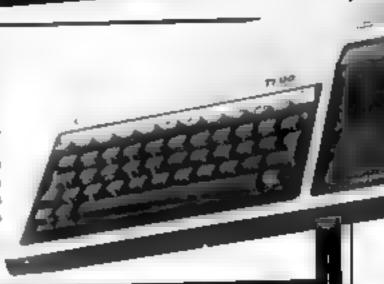
one battlestar the game begins

again as another of a whole fleet appears

The action is fast and becomes more furious as skill levels are in creased from 1 to 4. Even at level one, a very addictive game. J W.

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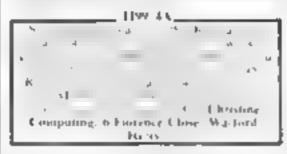
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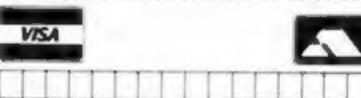
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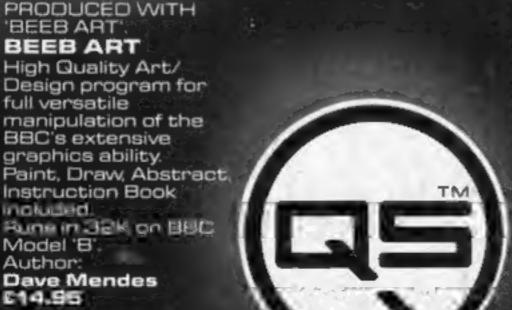


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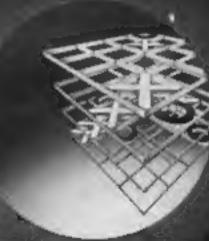


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